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GERMAN TROOPS REACH TURKISH BORDER: R.A.F. ACTION IS EXPECTED

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, MAR. 6 (UP).—GERMAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED POSITIONS ALONG THE ENTIRE TURCO-BULGARIAN FRONTIER BUT THE CONCENTRATIONS, SO FAR, ARE REPORTED TO BE COMPARATIVELY LIGHT.

MEANWHILE, TURKISH POLITICAL CIRCLES WELCOMED THE BRITISH RUPTURE WITH BULGARIA AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT BRITAIN WILL SOON LAUNCH BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST THE RUMANIAN OIL FIELDS AND GERMAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

WAR MINISTER'S REPORT

Best Brain Test Defences

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Britain's Home Defences were recently mobilised and emerged successfully from exacting and realistic operations against a supposed invading force, which, for the purposes of the test, were given every conceivable advantage.

Some details of the test were disclosed for the first time by the War Minister, Captain David Margesson, speaking in the House of Commons on the Army Estimates.

Captain Margesson said that the danger of invasion is very real, but every possibility open to the ingenuity of the enemy had been considered so far as we can see their minds. In a recent sham battle, lasting about a week, in which both civil organisations and military staffs participated, our most brilliant staff officers were allocated as part of the German General Staff in Britain.

The ingenuity of this improvised enemy staff resulted in a scale of attack far heavier than anything the Germans were likely to make. The enemy was allowed to inflict every conceivable preliminary disaster. There were many landings by sea and air, and the effect of continuous air bombardment on focal points was designed to cause a break in the arteries of communication.

Losses in Africa

Reviewing the past year, Captain Margesson foreshadowed an early publication of Lord Gort's dispatches of battles.

The British losses in the Middle East, including East Africa, from the end of November 1940 to February 1, 1941, totalled 1,774, of which 433 were killed. No doubt the task in Libya would have been sterner if we had

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Hitler Note To Ineuu

Said To Be Promises

ANKARA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Although no definite details about the message Hitler sent to President Ineuu are yet available, it is rumoured here that the message is full of assurances but contains nothing of a concrete nature.

Not a single Turk or well-informed foreigner here believes that the message will in any way alter Turkish policy.

It is significant that the Turkish papers ignore Hitler's message.

U.S. Asks Italian Govt To Close Down Two Consulates

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The State Department to-day asked the Italian Government to close its Consulates at Detroit, Mich., and Newark, N.J., "for reasons of national policy."

Mr Hull's Request

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, to-day disclosed that he had sent a note to Italy requesting her to restrict the movements of all her Consular officers in the United States.

The tone of the note indicated that it was in retaliation for Italy's restriction of movements of United States officials as well as the closing of two Consulates at Naples and Palermo.

The note requested that Italian officials outside Washington confine their movements to the area of their jurisdiction. Although it did not apply to the accredited diplomats at the Italian Embassy, it requested them to keep the State Department informed of their movements outside of Washington, especially the naval and military personnel.

America's Sharp Note

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The movements of Italian Consulate officials throughout the United States are to be restricted to the areas in

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BORIS TALKS WITH NAZI CHIEFS

SOFIA, Mar. 6 (UP).—Germany's "invasion specialists"—leaders of the armed forces which swept through Poland, Norway, Rumania and Bulgaria—Marshal List and General Falkenhorst, in the presence of the German Minister Herr Richtofen and high Bulgarian officers were given an audience by King Boris to-day.

BULGARIA WILL YET REGRET

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—"Bulgaria will live to regret her decision."

Cheers greeted this statement by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when in the House of Commons he was asked for particulars respecting the withdrawal of the British Minister from Sofia.

Mr Butler said that the reasons for the withdrawal given in the note presented to the Bulgarian Government were briefly that the presence of an ever-increasing force of German

troops on Bulgarian territory, the object of which could only be to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's Ally Greece, and the active co-operation of the Bulgarian Government in the German occupation were incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria.

"His Majesty's Government have no doubt that Bulgaria will live to regret her decision," Mr Butler added.

The Speaker intervened and intimated that the matter did not arise when Mr Butler was asked to particularise on the attitude of Soviet Russia towards the invasion of Bulgaria.

Soviet Delights Turks
ISTANBUL, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction regarding what

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Hollanders Pay Penalty

Sabotage & Espionage

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Sixteen Hollanders have been condemned to death by a military court at The Hague, says a dispatch to the German news agency. The remainder of the 43 accused, the message adds, were sent to prison or fined, except six who were acquitted.

The men were charged with sabotage, espionage and plotting to assassinate German soldiers by the use of poisoned pencils, drawing pins and drinks.

The accused are alleged to belong to a secret society whose aim was to make the life of the German occupation troops as difficult as possible.

Gestapo Devices

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Street fights, strikes, sabotage and campaigns of organised insults to the German armed forces in Holland are giving the Gestapo such trouble that they have resorted to setting traps in the hope of catching the organisers by "Help to Britain" bait.

The Radio Orange—the Dutch Government broadcasting station in Britain—has issued a warning to loyal Dutch not to be caught by Gestapo tricks and to-day's issue of "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, disclosed the sort of trap the Gestapo recently laid.

—and it is believed very successfully

—laid.

To Help British

Gestapo agents, says the paper, deliberately spread a story that all those young men who wished to join the Netherlands Legion in Britain should report at a certain country district where there was a large isolated lake.

A British flying boat, it was said, had been landing on the lake and took off volunteers thought suitable for the Legion. The Gestapo were waiting at the scene when the would-be volunteers arrived and all those trapped by the Gestapo are stated to be in Scheveningen Prison.

Soldier Of The Desert

This striking study shows an Australian soldier in Egypt demonstrating his improvised method of protection against the fierce sandstorms that sweep the desert. This Mica "eye-screen" is an invaluable form of protection.



Germans Take Full Command In Italy

Control Ports And
Secret Police

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The German occupation of Italy is reported here to be more complete than the occupation of Bulgaria.

All Italian harbours are now said to be under German control and the Italian Secret Police is said to be directed by high Gestapo officials.

Consequently Italy is now regarded here as little more than a province of the Greater Reich.

There is good reason to believe that the German occupation of Italy is the cause of the United States asking Italy to close its Consulates at Detroit, (Michigan), Newark (N.J.), Rhode Island "for reasons of national policy" and to withdraw their personnel which will prevent their transference to Italian Consulates elsewhere in the United States.

The request follows the recent action of Italy asking the United States to close its Consulates in Naples and Palermo, a request attributed to the occupation of large sections of Italy, particularly Sicily, by German troops.

South China Landings Resisted

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Central News).—Confused fighting is reported to be raging at Tanshuiow and Kungyifow, cities on the opposite banks of the Tainshek river, north of Toishan.

While the Japanese who entered Toishan are pushing northward, other Japanese troops based at Sunwei are driving westward along the Suning Railway. The latter were intercepted by the Chinese at Ngauwan and Szetsien, points east of Tanshuiow, suffering considerable losses.

With their drive blunted the Japanese called in reinforcements from Kiangmoan and with superior fire they advanced to Tanshuiow and Kungyifow, where they are meeting with stubborn Chinese resistance.

The Japanese troops at Young-kong, about 110 miles north-east of Kwangchowwan, have been increased to more than 1,000 men. Fighting is going on in the outskirts. The Japanese invading Shantung have also been increased to more than 1,000. Some of them are pushing westward, encountering Chinese resistance.

Naval Barrage

It is reported that the Japanese who landed at Hohong (Lulchow) on the Lulchow Peninsula, about 30 miles south-west of Kwangchowwan, under a naval barrage on March 3 lost many men when they were engaged by Chinese regular troops and local defence units. The Japanese at Hohong have been increased to over 2,000 men and clashes continue around the city.

British Ultimatum Presented To Yugo-Slavia Says Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—The pro-Government newspaper "Magyarorszag" to-day published an unconfirmed report that Britain had presented an ultimatum to Yugo-Slavia.

Chinese Seamen Win London Court Appeal

War Bonus Issue

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The appeal of 21 Chinese seamen against convictions imposed in a London Police Court for disobeying a lawful command was heard in the Sessions appeals Committee to-day when the appeal of ten men, who had been sentenced to six months' hard labour, was allowed and the appeal of the other 11 men, who had been bound over for 12 months, was dismissed.

Single Nazi Planes Raid Britain

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—An enemy bomber was shot down into the English Channel by R.A.F. fighters this afternoon, states the Air Ministry.

The communiqué says that there has been considerable activity by single enemy aircraft during daylight, to-day, bombs being dropped in East Anglia, Kent and at one point in the London area.

Casualties were small but there was damage to buildings in a town on the coast of East Anglia.

N. E. I. SHIPS Two Diverted To Pacific Route

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, March 5 (Dome).—The Information Bureau of the Netherlands East Indies Government reveals that for the purpose of relieving shipping difficulties from the N.E.I. to the United States, the J.C.J. Line has permission to divert two of its ships to the United States route.

Secondly, a preferential export system of important products to be shipped to the United States is to be effective from April 1.

Thirdly, N.E.I. Government agents in New York are attempting to charter various American and other foreign ships.

LATEST

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Further Late News

British Trade Difficulties In China Caused by Japan

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Difficulties placed in the way of British firms wishing to sell imported goods direct to consumers in the occupied areas of China are still increasing, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons to-day at question time.

He was not, however, in a position to say whether it was everywhere impossible to do so.

Mr Hamilton Kerr asked whether, as this was a gross violation of the Open Door Policy, representations had been made to the Japanese Government.

Mr Butler replied that these questions had frequently been taken up and that the whole matter was under further consideration.

Mr I. C. Hannah asked: "Are we working with America in this matter?"

Mr Butler replied: "We always work with America."

Occupation Army's Cost

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr

Hamilton Kerr asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the cost of the Japanese Army in occupied China was largely met from revenue contributed by Japanese companies established under Army supervision, that all exports from occupied China have to leave via traffic routes over which Japanese companies have been granted a monopoly and whether he proposed to take action to stop the resulting heavy tax on British traders.

Mr Butler replied that he could only repeat that as he had informed the House on February 26, the system of trade and exchange established by the Japanese tended to favour Japanese interests. The resultant effect on British trade and the Government's constant attention.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

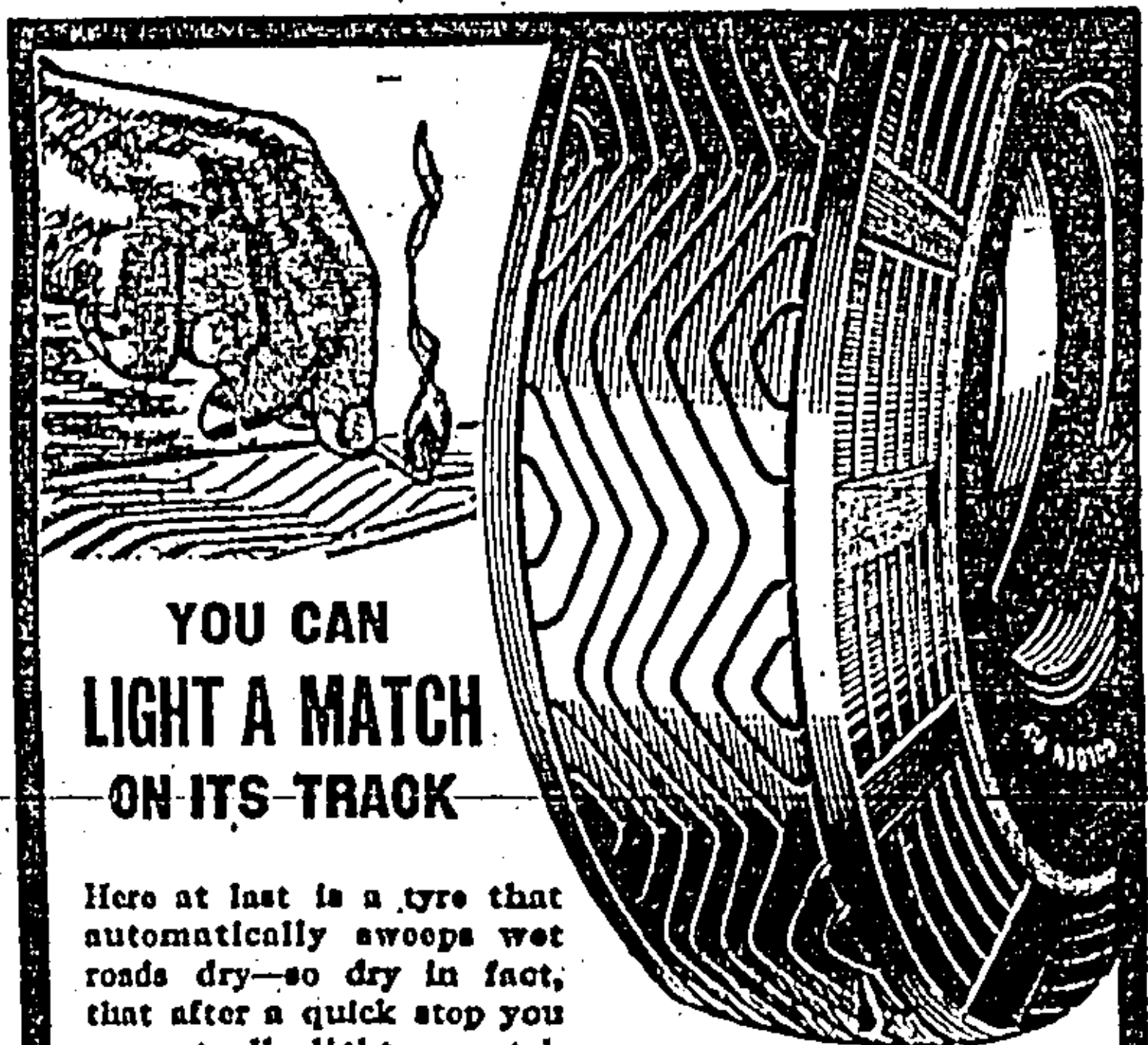
Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: Although nothing startling transpired during the day there was a moderate turnover with prices remaining fairly steady.

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H.K. Banks \$1,340
Union Ins. \$415
Lights \$8.15
Liquors \$5.65

Seller
Trams \$10.75
Sales
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 97
H.K. Banks \$1,345
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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

Army Appointments Announced

The War Office announces that the King has approved of the following appointments as Colonels Commandant, Royal Engineers:

Lieut.-Gen. F. P. Norworthy, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., with effect from October 11, 1940, in succession to Major-General H. W. Duperier, retired pay, deceased. Lieut.-Gen. Norworthy was G. S. O. 1, China Command, from September, 1932, to April, 1935.

Lieut.-Gen. L. V. Bond, C.B., with effect from December 24, 1940, in succession to Major-General S. H. Sheppard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, who completed the extended tenure of his appointment on that date. Lieut.-Gen. Bond is General Officer Commanding, Malaya.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 'Hongkong currency, part of the 'undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of 'the Company's Reserve Fund, 'and to allot to the members 'holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred 'and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Company held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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R. TAYLOR,
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COMMISSIONERS POWERS ORDINANCE, 1886.

Notification

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced, by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Commissioners.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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By order of the Board of Directors,
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Profess Ignorance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Mar. 6 (UP).—Informed quarters declare they know nothing regarding the overtures reports that the Soviets have asked Rumania to cede her Hydroplane bases at Constanza, Galatz and Tulcea.

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9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Request Variety Programme.

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Total Milk Consumed per Rat	2260 gm.	3350 gm.	3350 gm.
Total Calories Consumed per Rat	2230	3230	3230
Net Gain per Rat	80.5 gm.	55.4 gm.	55.4 gm.
Gain per 100 gm. Food Consumed	3.19 gm.	1.65 gm.	1.65 gm.
Gain per 100 Calories Consumed	3.8 gm.	2.38 gm.	2.38 gm.
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Grade B Milk	42	30	29
Grade B Milk	47	26	40
Grade B Milk	43	23	31
Certified Milk	50	31	33
Certified Milk	83	43	47
Certified Milk	83	47	43
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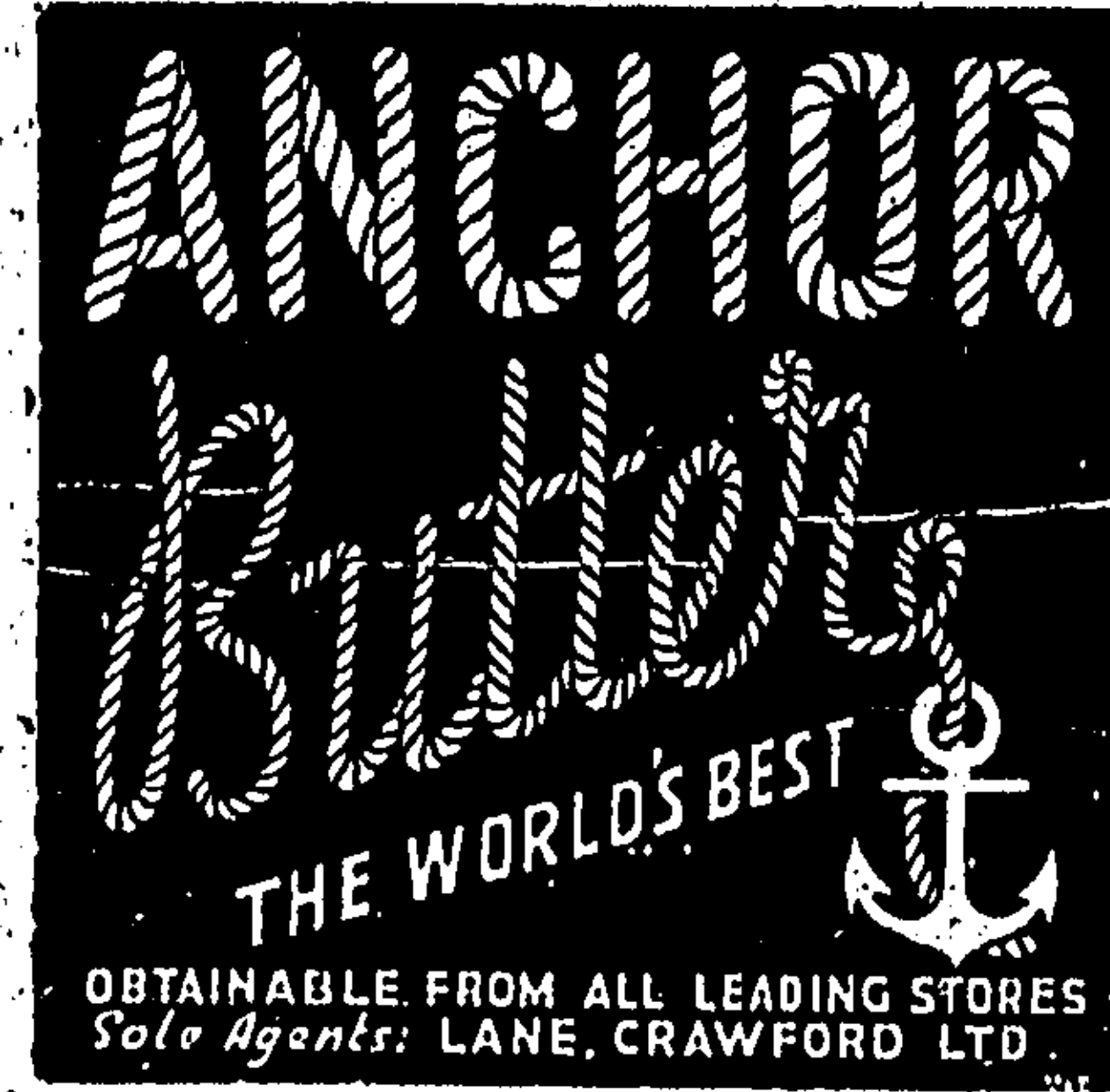
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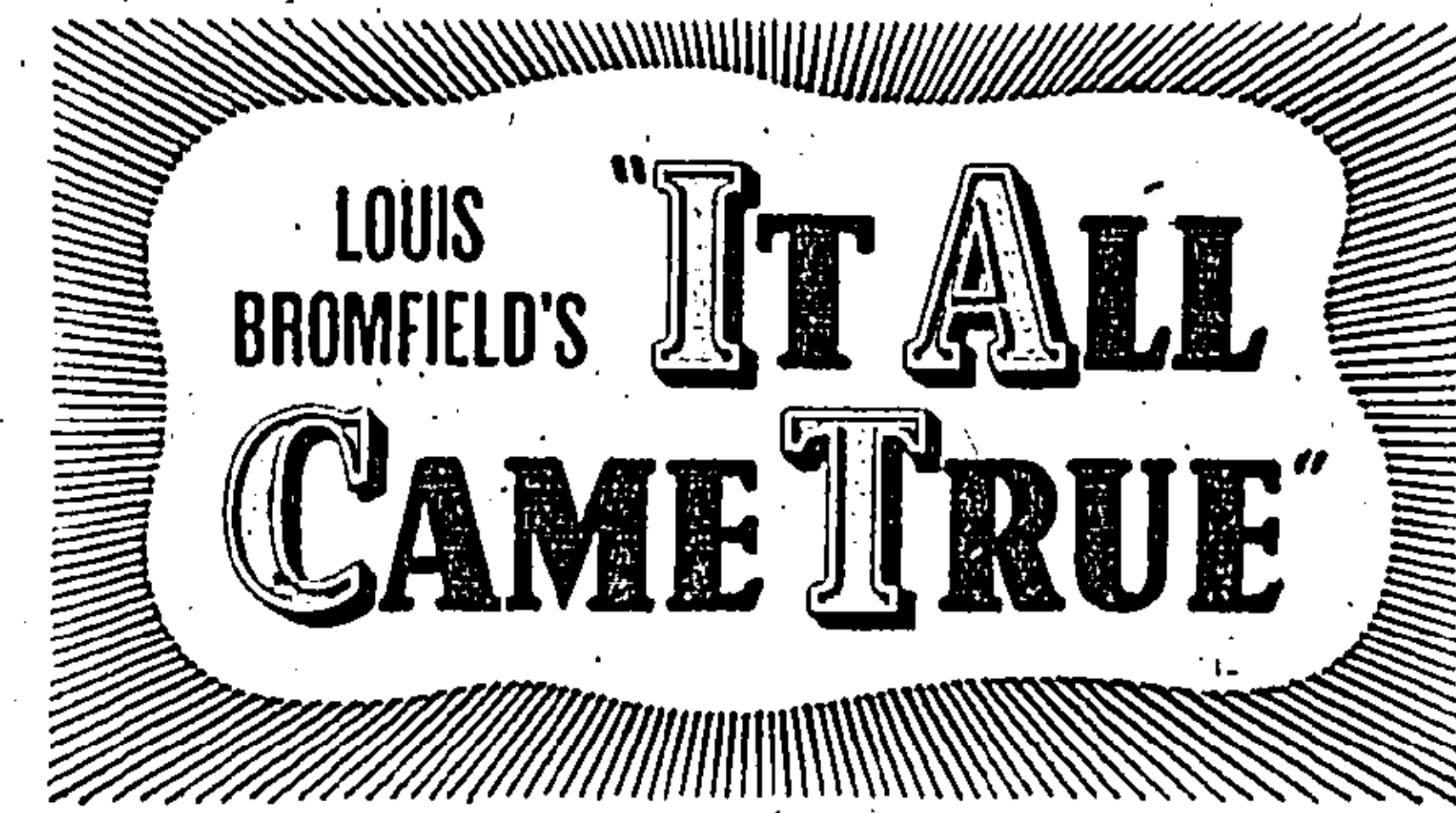
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CHAPTER I
T HAT particular four-storey brownstone house in the shabby West Sixties was in no way different from a dozen other houses in the block, except that about its past gentility, its high stoop reared itself in outmoded pride, in spite of the fact that beside the heavy entrance door a faded sign announced to anyone who, in the rushing, noisy traffic of the New York of 1939, cared to read: "Board and Lodging—Transient and Permanent."

Beyond the door was a world where time stood still—a refuge for those who lagged behind in the march of the years and now found solace in turkey red carpets, high ceilings, tunnel-like drawing rooms and primed chandeliers. Above the marble mantel hung a vast painting of the withered old lady who for so many years had been mistress of the house—Miss Minnie.

Miss Minnie had left the house and everything in it to heavy-footed, fierce, funny Maggie Ryan, who had served her long and well as cook—and to the weepily romantic Norah Taylor, who had been her maid. Miss Minnie had willed them her four permanent boarders, too, and neither had the heart to put them out, as practical people told them they should.

There was gentle Mr Van Diver, who had been engaged to the mistress thirty years, waiting for her father's consent to marry, and for ten years after. Mr Van Diver's mind was failing, and he sometimes asked for Miss Minnie, forgetting she was numbered among the dead. Could they turn him out!

There was Rene Salmon of the flowing black tie, once a Greenwich Village poet, who still, even

tool. Can you imagine! He was going to make me into a torch singer. He took me into his studio, and after about five minutes I said, 'Well, I never heard this called an audition before! The dirty little blackhead! Followed me all the way home in a taxi. With a gal, too—here she paused for breath, and tossed a gun on the table to the combined horror of her audience—as if I didn't know how to manage a monkey with a gun!'

"She patted the poet's bald pate as she passed." "What a breath," Mr Van Diver sighed, "of spring!"

MAGGIE RYAN was in her room looking her street feet and thin, but at a look at the evening paper for herself, when her daughter burst in like a cyclone, embraced her so vigorously that she sent the news flying, and shouted, as she kissed her: "Hello, Ma! I'm home!" "I thought it must be you Sarah Jane! A fine way to come home—jolting all the neighbours out of their beds!"

"They'd have been a darn sight more jolting," laughed Sarah Jane, "if I'd lost my argument with the girls and my gal, on the front stoop!" "He is, if he's still acting the way I remember! Sometimes I'm almost glad that poor Miss Minnie, God rest her soul, is dead, so I am! At least it saves me the shame of having her know that me own girl's grown up on me to be a hussy!"

"I am not, I'm a good girl," Sarah Jane protested laughingly. "Don't tell me that. A good girl does not the way you do, or dress the way you do," her mother rejoined. Sarah Jane paced restlessly about the room, her vivid beauty lighting up its drab interior. "Now listen, Ma," she protested, "I act the way I please, but technically I'm still a good girl."

"Well then, what happened with your job in Atlantic City?" Maggie demanded. "Oh, had an argument with a bubble dancer about who had the best dance, I threw her down two flights of stairs," Sarah Jane answered matter-of-factly.

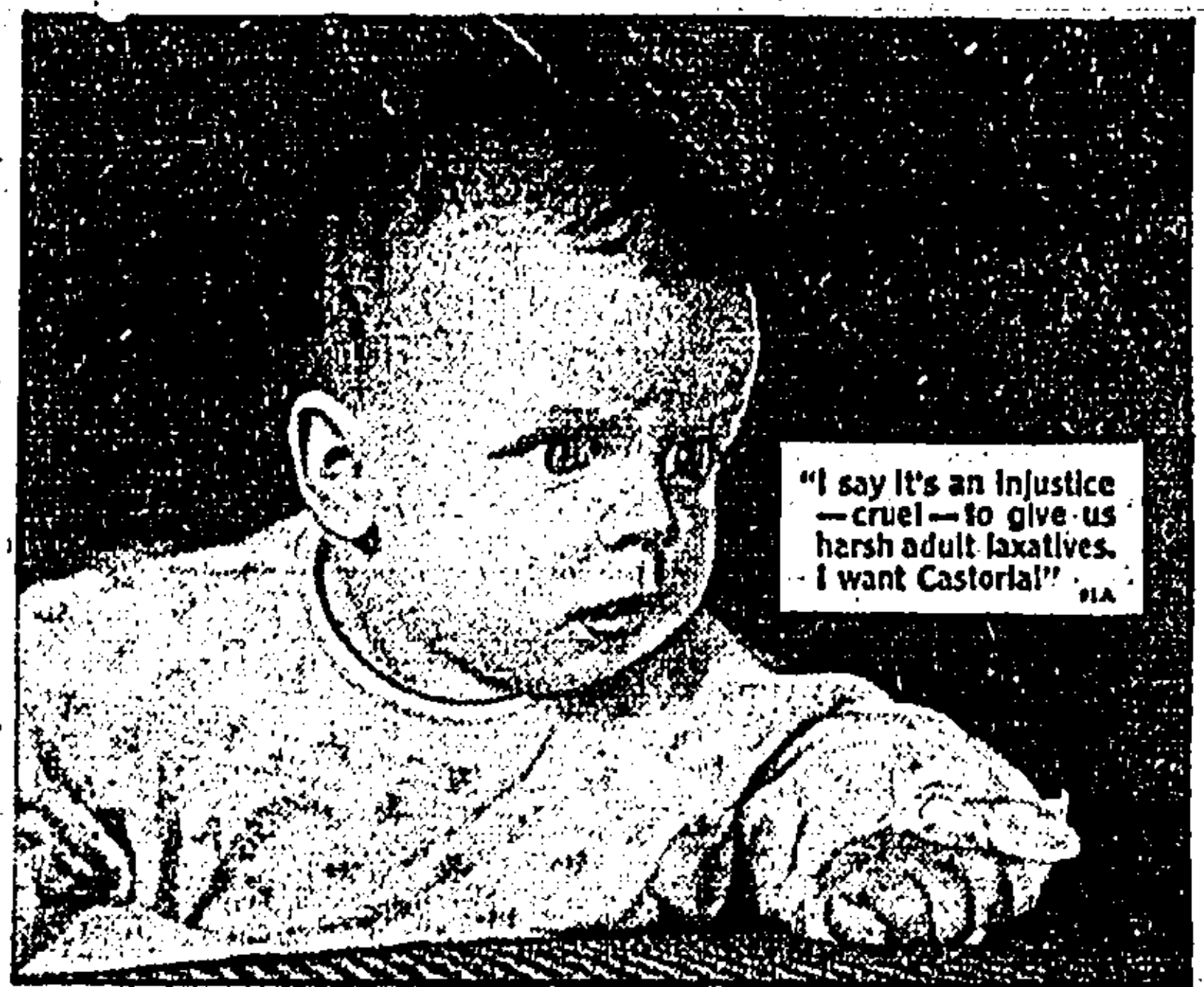
Maggie sighed. "When that Mr Greenfield set about glorifying you, I had hopes you was made." "So," said Sarah Jane, "did Mr Greenfield?" "Yes," can you lend me twenty bucks?" "No! But what are you going to do, now you're home?" "Right now I'm going down to the ice-box to see if there's any beer!" She started out but suddenly turned back, her blue eyes shining. "I'm sick as a dog, please be kind to have me home!" and was gone before her mother had time to answer.

"Why is it, Norah?" sighed Maggie the next day, "that the minute my Sarah Jane sets foot in this house, everybody in it goes cock-eyed?" "Ah, Sarah Jane is the good girl at heart, Maggie! At least you've got her home with you! Sleeping in the house where you can talk to her—and wait on her—and—" Suddenly she choked with tears and fumbled for her handkerchief.

"Now, Norah darlin', don't be worrying about Tommy! He'll come home!" "But five years, Maggie—five years without a word! If only Miss Minnie hadn't given him the money to learn to play the piano and go to college. He'd have made a fine butler, with his father's looks and his gentlemanly air!" Education ain't done Sarah Jane no good."

At the moment, miles away as the crowd flies over the city roof, Norah's Tommy was delivering a rather weak-kneed ultimatum to his boss, Chips Maguire, alias Grasselli. "I'm tired of playing piano in this joint for peanuts and promises! I'm tired packing a gal for you! I'm—" Here the doorman rushed in with word that the place was being raided. Maguire and Tommy escaped by an underground passageway, but groping their way out of the dim alley they saw their former "pick him off" backed the boss. When Tommy refused, Grasselli snatched the revolver, fired, and the squealer slumped to the ground. "I'll hold up at your old lady's boarding house," said the boss as they made their getaway. "All my lawyer gets this thing straightened out and—"

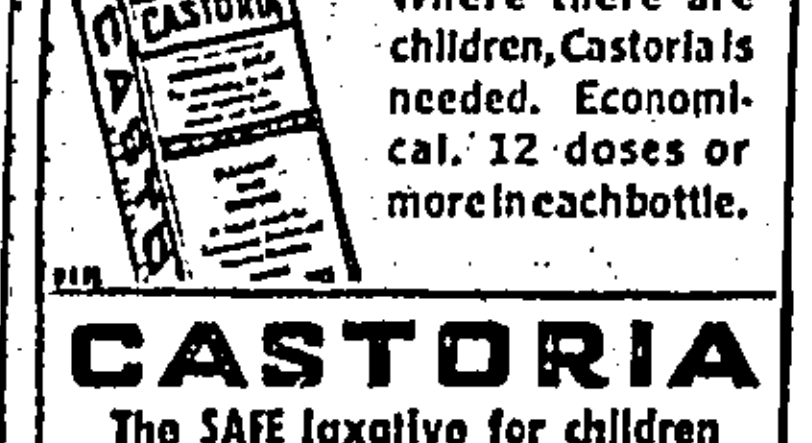
"No, you won't! I'm no lily, but I won't bring Ma a prize package like you!" "I wouldn't argue with me if I was you, Tommy. Not in the spot you're in." "What do you mean, spot I'm in?" "They're going to pick up that footie we left in the alley, ain't they? When they dig out the bullet they'll find it came from your gun, won't they? If I'd just happen to toss it out in the street now, it wouldn't be long before they'd come tapping at your door, would it?" Tommy groaned. "Tell the man," sneered Grasselli. "Tell me where he lives!" (To be continued to-morrow.)



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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Enumerated
2—Send out rats
3—On the way
4—Standing out of water
5—Personal pronoun
6—Make indignant
7—Heart of Burma
8—YOUTH
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2—Great lake
3—Childlike city
4—Rounded protuberance
5—Government in Russia
6—Musical study
7—Draws from source
8—Material
9—Zodiac
10—Anger
11—Like
12—Father of Ajax
13—Descendant of Zau
14—Trove: downy (Scottish)
15—Belows (obsolete)
16—Dawning to develop
17—Dawning (obsolete)
18—Female relative
19—Pondered with close application
20—Auditory organ
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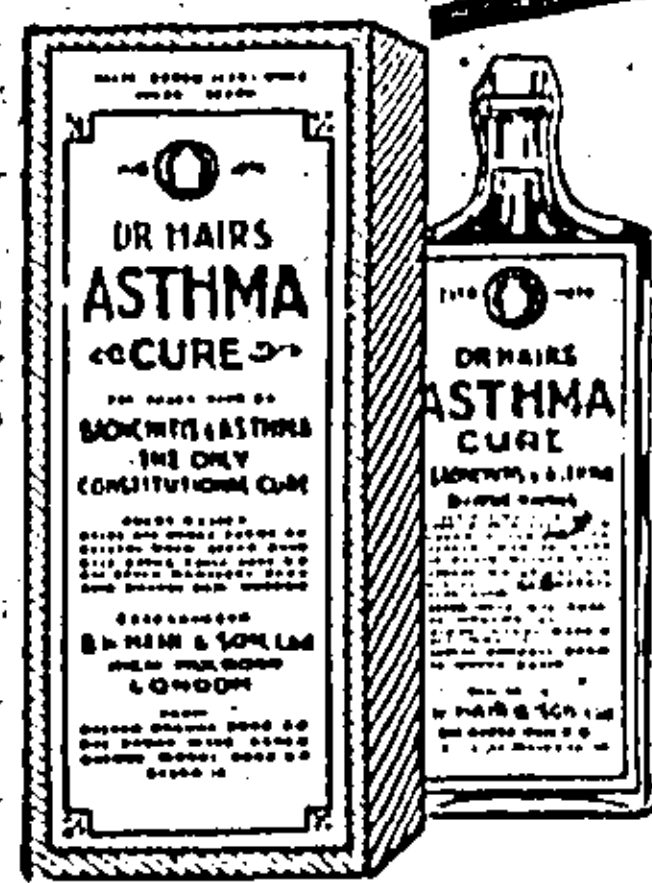
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GERMAN STRENGTH

ONE of the most invidious lies which has been foisted on the world is that of German invincibility. That this lie has tended to paralyse self-defensive measures by the smaller countries is shown by the unhappy way in which nation after nation has succumbed to German threats, whereas unified action could long ago have broken this legend of super-strength.

The tradition of invincibility has been carefully built up since the last war. In fact, the defeat of the German Army in the field in 1918 has always been denied by the German authorities, for the purpose not only of reinstating the German people in their own estimation as super-men, but also to persuade other nations that Germany is unconquerable and predestined to rule the world. This claim of invincibility has not been substantiated, and investigation of the facts goes to prove the contrary.

The Germans not only suffered a series of heavy reverses in the last war during the final "Battle of the Hundred Days," but a quarter of the German army was captured—the official figure for 63 days during the last months of the war was 140,476 prisoners—not to mention quantities of guns and material. They were forced to sue for peace in order to avoid complete collapse. As General Mordacq stated when writing an account of those days and of the revolution which followed the German defeat: "... this dagger thrust was no longer necessary, because the Allies had already administered it and that straight to the heart."

Numerous other instances are recorded in which German officers and statesmen acknowledged defeat, but almost invariably these frank confessions were made immediately or soon after the termination of hostilities before the doctrine of invincibility had again been built up. This point might be considered irrelevant to-day, were it not for the fact that owing to the negligence of the Allies to deny this untruth and to give the world the actual facts, the Germans were able to build up a tradition of invincibility and race superiority which

RIDDLES OF 1941

—Fifth Article—

WHAT has this year in store for Europe's remaining neutrals—for Spain and Portugal, for Sweden, for Switzerland, for the anxious countries of the South-East?

Will Hitler try in 1941 to overrun them, as he did so many of their fellows in 1940? Sooner or later he must subdue them if he is to achieve the purpose for which he went to war in 1939.

That purpose was the setting up of the "new order," the reorganisation of all Europe under German control.

Of all Europe. This new order is totalitarian. It wants all. Nor indeed could there be for long a Continent half-free and half-Nazi ruled.

Were the Germans to win, these still independent fragments of Europe would vanish overnight: they would be forced into the system: they would, in Nazi jargon, be "gleichgeschaltet."

For beyond doubt this idea of organising the whole of Europe under his own leadership is Hitler's passionate preoccupation. It is the next step to that final goal which Dr Frank, the Nazi Governor of Poland, declared the other day:

"To master the world as Germans. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world."

For that he has first to make himself leader of all Europe. But that is no easy job.

Last summer he thought it was practically done. His armies had swept from the Vistula to the Pyrenees, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, two-thirds of France were in his hands.

Last Summer...

Italy was an obedient ally: Vichy France was to be made so by Laval. Spain out of mingled fear and gratitude would take her allotted place. The Balkans could be overrun with ease. Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal must come to heel.

It all looked so splendidly simple and so nearly finished. But here is 1941; and the job is still to be done. Not only does quite a lot of Europe remain ungrasped, but even in the occupied countries the work of organisation goes ill.

Just what are the Nazis out to achieve in these countries they have already conquered and in those they hope to conquer?

Judging by performance, they have not one policy but three. One for the East, for the Slavonic peoples; one for the "Nordics" of Scandinavia and the Low Countries; one for the "Latins" of the West and South.

Slavs—Slaves

In this new Europe the fate of the Slavs is quite simple.

is largely responsible for their fanatical desire to make themselves rulers of the western world to-day.

Japan's statesmen appear to have swallowed this theory wholeheartedly and are rattling the sword vigorously as a result; but saner thought must sense that there is a "nigger in the wood-pile" and that by imitating the country on the altar to Nazism, the prosperity, security and progress of Japan are being gravely endangered.

What Will Happen To... EUROPE'S NEUTRALS?

By W. N. EWER



Sweden, a tough Switzerland as well; of marching into a Spain which may be "Fascist," but which would certainly resist, and probably resist, invasion. Even the much-talked-of occupation of "Vichy France" is no tempting job.

In war one never knows. Strategic needs change and compel new actions. An Italian collapse might force Hitler to push his own armies to the Mediterranean.

But failing some over-riding need, I think that these neutrals of Europe can count on reprieve.

He may be forced to go to Marseilles and Toulon, whatever the consequences. He may be forced into the dangerous venture of an invasion of the Balkans.

Beyond question, he would rather avoid doing either. Each would mean new effort, new liability, new expenditure of man-power and of resources he wants to conserve.

To invade Vichy France would be to risk the rallying of all the French Empire to the side of the Allies. To invade the Balkans would be to strain near-breaking-point his friendship with Soviet Russia.

Hitler's Policy

He would vastly prefer, if it can be done, to avoid the use of force, to achieve his purpose by a mixture of threats, cajolery and internal intrigue.

That is his French policy at the moment. It is also his Balkan policy. It has already been successful in Hungary and in Rumania.

Now he tries it on Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. But in changed circumstances. Hungary and Rumania joined the New Order before the days of the Greek resistance, before the days of the North African campaign.

Jugoslavia and Bulgaria are being stiffer than their northern neighbours. The pressure on them will doubtless increase. Can they still resist successfully?

Suppose they stand up to diplomatic and economic pressure. Will Hitler order his armies to march on Belgrade and Sofia?

Given everything, I doubt it. He will certainly hesitate. He has already hesitated.

It may be that the strategic situation will so change that he cannot help himself: that the need for a new advance will become irresistible.

It All Depends...

The neutrals owe much to the steady courage of millions of unknown men and women in the occupied lands, who have already taught the Germans that to break an army is not to conquer a people.

As to their final fate—well, the world-to-day depends upon our war. Their freedom depends upon our victory; and, even when fear or caution compels them to speak otherwise, they know that very well.

[Editor's Note:—Mr Ewer's article was written early last month. Bulgaria has since fallen to Axis pressure, and German troops have overrun the country. German demands that Yugoslavia should adhere to the Axis are also reported to have been made.]

TO-MORROW

WHAT ARE STALIN'S PLANS?

By Professor Harold Laski

They are to be slaves. That is clear enough from the policy followed in German-occupied Poland.

The Poles are treated in every way as an inferior people, a race of helots, whose mission is to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for their masters the Germans. Edict after edict makes that plain.

The Pole is ousted from the land to make room for German settlers. He can work for them, or go on gang labour into the Reich.

But he must wear a distinctive badge. He draws a lower wage and a lower ration than the German. He must not mix socially with the conquerors; German farmers have been severely punished for letting their Polish workers feed with them.

It is decreed that as quickly as possible all Polish skilled workers shall be replaced by Germans and degraded to unskilled jobs.

Executive posts—from manager to foreman—professional occupations, mercantile occupations, are all to be reserved for the master-race. The Pole is to be denied all but the rudiments of education.

That is the new order in the East. It is different in the North and West. Here Nazi theory, squaring with ordinary German prejudice, regards Danes and Norwegians and Dutch and Flemings as of Germanic stocks, as near-Germans.

Hitler's policy therefore was, and still is, not to make them into slaves, but to make them into Germans and into Nazis.

Persuasion

If these peoples would drop their "antiquated" notions about national and personal freedom, if they would adopt Nazi ideas, if they would accept Hitler as supreme overlord of all the Germanic peoples, then they would be treated as race-brothers, as equal partners, as members of the Greater German Reich.

Hence it came about that in these countries German policy has been less brutal than in the East. Necessity and greed have driven the Germans to plunder. But apart from that the policy has been one of steady effort to persuade the conquered to co-operate with the conquerors.

Hence Quisling in Norway and Mussert in Holland. Hence the Danish Government—allowed to carry on, with a Social Democrat as Prime Minister, provided that it is respectful and gives no trouble.

Nazidom, which wants to enslave the Slavs, wants to absorb the "Nordics."

For the South, for France, for Italy, for Spain, for Portugal, there is still another plan. These "Latins" are, of course,

It all looks as simple as a blue-print. It is all proving so terribly difficult in practice. Establishing the "new order" for Hitler now not so much a plan as a brain-racking puzzle.

The plan was that the European peoples should co-operate with the Germans either as slaves or as partners or as Allies. The puzzle is how to make them do it. For (apart from tiny "Quisling" groups here and there) they just decline to do anything of the kind.

Poles and Czechs resist stubbornly and steadily. Day after day the newspapers of the invader report executions, imprisonments, deportations. The news is meant to intimidate. But it tells that resistance goes on.

In the West the Dutch and the Belgians, the Danes and the Norwegians carry on the same quiet struggle.

The German authorities are worried and baffled. These countries which were so easy to swallow are proving so unexpectedly hard to digest.

And now occupied France, recovering from the first shock, begins to present still further problems for the "occupying Power." The Gestapo has its work cut out for it from Warsaw to Bordeaux.

That, I think, is one reason why the Germans still delay to push their conquests farther. They have enough on their hands already.

They do not relish the prospect of having to subdue a tough

Even Venus de Milo Heils Charlie

By P. L. MANNOCK.

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Charlie's guttural antics as the Fuhrer are wildly funny.

—Who Became Dictator



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There is tons of hilarity. Jack Oakie plays a glorious Duce. But sincerity makes the film a contribution to history; so much is behind the ghettos scenes that I feel Charlie (who has never denied it) must be a Jew himself after all.

The film will have its gala premiere at the Lee Theatre to-night at 9.30 p.m.

Nightsoil Removal System Opposed By Unofficials

Strong opposition to the proposed new system of nightsoil removal at a cost of \$400,000 a year by vesting control in Government was voiced at a meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday, which was specially called to discuss the matter.

Speakers in favour of the new scheme were the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, and the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council, who advanced as their main reasons the serious menace to public health of the present system and the necessity of controlling the coolies engaged in the business.

Most of the Unofficial Members spoke against the new system, the majority being of the opinion that the Urban Council should enforce the by-law which provides supervision of the carriers.

Decision on the matter was deferred, and it is understood that another meeting may be held.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), president, and members present were the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd (Acting Financial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dowell, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida Castro, Jr., the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The Hon. Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr. Carrie and Dr. N. C. Heath, Deputy Director of Health Services, also attended by invitation of the Committee.

Report Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Mar. 6 (UP).—Responsible Italian quarters to-day categorically denied that Prince Paul is negotiating for peace between Greece and Italy as reported from Belgrade.

First Japanese Envoy To Argentine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, March 6 (Domei).—Baron Shu Tanaka, first Japanese Ambassador to Argentina, Mr. Hidenari Terakaki, former Second Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Peking, who has been transferred to Washington, Mr. Nagao Kita, former Consul-General at Canton, who has been transferred to Honolulu, and Mr. Fumio Miura, former official of the American Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office, who has been appointed Second Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Madrid, sailed for their posts via the United States aboard the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru this afternoon.

Italian Ship Sunk

ATHENS, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—A Greek submarine has sunk an Italian supply ship in the Adriatic, according to a Greek communiqué.

BASSO'S RECITAL

Mr Y. K. Sze Captivates Local Audience

IT IS, unfortunately, all too seldom that Hongkong is afforded the opportunity of listening to a singer of quality, but when the occasion arises the music-loving public make avid response, and such was the response and welcome accorded Mr Y. K. Sze, basso, when, accompanied by Mr O'Neill Shaw at the piano, he gave a truly delightful recital at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

He spared neither himself nor his voice in his selection of songs. With admirable control he modulated his tones to meet with the acoustics of the comparatively small Rose Room, and, singing in six different languages, held his audience spell-bound.

The whole of the first half of his programme, which opened with Wagner's Wotan's Abschied (Wotan's Farewell), was sung in German, while the second portion was sung in Chinese, Italian, French, English and Russian.

Well Received

The sacred tune of Schubert's Ave Maria, perhaps the most well-known of his pieces, was excellently sung and extremely well received. The timorous and sonorous notes rolled forth with all the beautiful solemnity of the song commands, while in parts his voice attained an exquisitely pure quality.

His most difficult rendition was Mephisto's Song of the Flea, and it would, perhaps, have been an unfortunate item with which to have concluded such a grand recital, but his second encore was that favourite of all baritones—the Volga Boatman—and it is doubtful if any in Hongkong have ever heard it sung to better effect.

Mr O'Neill Shaw rendered piano solos—selecting his pieces from Debussy.

The programme was: Wotan's Abschied (Wagner); Ave Maria (Schubert); Der Wanderer (Schubert); Ich Grolle Nicht (Schubert); Die Baiden Grenadiere (Schubert); Requiem to me mother (Prof. Li Wei-min); Meditation (Prof. Benjamin Ing); Meditation (Romantic) (Prof. Chao Yuen-chen); Qui Sedesno (Mozart); Nonnes qui reposez (Meyerbeer); Il Lacerato Spirito (Verdi) and Mephisto's Song of the Flea (Moussorgsky).—ATL.

Clark Kerr Mission

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Central News).—It is believed that Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, arrived in Shanghai to supervise the evacuation of the British and make necessary arrangements to cope with the present Far Eastern situation, says a Shanghai dispatch.

Their Majesties Mingle With People In Rosyth

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—Watched by a crowd of officers and men from warships, the King to-day held a little ceremony in a dockyard, decorating three Norwegian sailors with the British Distinguished Service Medal and also decorating eight seamen, petty officers and marines of the British Navy.

With Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief at Rosyth, the King boarded two warships and other warcraft which chase U-boats and sweep mines.

Belgian and Norwegian naval ratings mingled with British sailors and cheered him as he walked from the jetty.

The King also visited the Fleet Air Arm and earlier at Edinburgh the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland, where 150 people were enjoying a lunch of soup, roast beef, vegetables and sweets at a cost of 11d.

The Queen christened a catapult for a warship and in a factory the King and Queen had a long talk about Trade Unionism with three shop stewards.

CHIANG SPEAKS HOPEFULLY

Foreign Relations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (UP).—Chiang Kai-shek, speaking to the People's Political Council last night, declared: "My fundamental belief is that the Soviet, Britain and America will never obstruct Chinese resistance and will surely aid our resistance. Some people have been hoping that Russia or America would aid China against going to war, but I have never counted on that because the Chinese have strength alone for the final victory."

"We do not necessarily need friendly Powers actually to join in the war, but we do need them to maintain strict neutrality. My strong belief is that these Powers will never reach a genuine compromise with Japan; so we have nothing to worry about in our foreign relations."

"China's legal tender has a 60 per cent cash reserve, despite the four years of war. I assure you the enemy will never blockade China, despite his efforts to seize ports and cut roads."

U.S. Asks Italy To Close 2 Consulates

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which they exercise their official duties.

This is the burden of a note sent by the State Department to the Italian Ambassador.

Italian diplomats in Washington are excluded from the request, but the Embassy is asked to keep the State Department informed of any movements outside Washington of any naval or military personnel.

Unprecedented Action

Mr Cordell Hull's note does not explain why the United States has taken this action, which is believed to be unprecedented against a country with which the United States is at peace, but the note has an asperity which indicates resentment at the closing of the American Consulates in Palermo and Naples.

The State Department's closing order affects two of the most important Italian Consulates in the country. Both in Detroit and Newark there are large Italian communities and Fascists are strong and active.

Vocal Competitions Next Month

Under the auspices of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture, the second annual open vocal competitions will be held on April 6, when the best candidates will be chosen for the final contest on April 11.

Items will include vocal solo and choir work, the latter to comprise not more than 40 voices. All music lovers, irrespective of age or sex, are eligible to join in the competition, which is aimed at the promotion of vocal culture.

The same as last year, a group of Chinese songs composed by Messrs. Sison, Mr. Anthony Ho and other modern Chinese composers, has been recommended to intending competitors for the occasion.

The following have consented to be honorary judges of the competition: Messrs. Albert Wu, Y. K. Sze, Lee Chi, Lo Wei-kin and Chao Pu-wei.

Chinese War Bond Sales Pushed

In response to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's appeal, the Hongkong Liberty Bonds Committee has decided to launch a campaign to boost subscriptions to China's wartime bonds.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow (Chairman of the Committee) in an interview, revealed that he had received personal letters from both Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung asking him to push the sales.

The bonds are of two kinds, namely, the N.C. \$1,200,000,000 Military Supply Bonds, and the U.S. \$30,000,000 and £10,000,000 Reconstruction Bonds.

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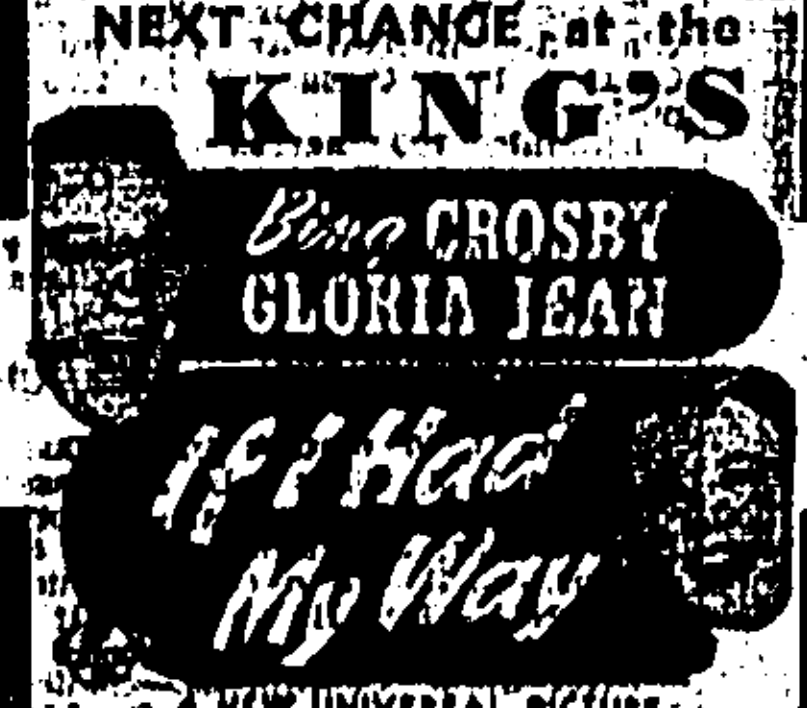
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Facts And Figures Of Annual Race Meeting

Fastest Times For New Scale Of Weights

THE NEW SCALE OF WEIGHTS came into operation at the meeting. History was made when Wayworth with Mr Jack Feilden in the saddle weighed out at 170 lb. for the Warrego Plate, carrying 26 lb. overweight and the run was not a short distance but over two miles. What was the object of the excess?

Hereunder is a list of fastest times run at the new scale of weights:

CHINA PONIES				
Distance	Pony	Jockey	Height	Weight Time
Six Furlongs	Oolong	Needa	14.1	152 1.23%
One Mile	Racylight	Needa	14.1	152 1.54
From the two mile post, once round and in	Sam's Choice	Black	14.0	149 2.10%
1 1/4 Miles	Navylight	C. Moller	14.1	153 2.25%
1 1/2 Miles	Oolong	Needa	14.1	152 3.02
1 3/4 Miles	O-Lan	Needa	14.0	149 3.26%
AUSTRALIAN PONIES				
Half Mile	Moonlight	Noodt	14.2	149 -51%
From 1 1/2 Mile Post	Distant View	Pih	14.3	152 1.01%
Six Furlongs	Distant View	Pih	14.3	152 1.13%
One Mile	Sapper	Davis	14.3	159 1.40%
From Two Mile Post, once round and in	Happy Returns	Chao	14.2	149 2.02%
1 1/4 Miles	Sapper	Davis	14.3	152 2.17
1 1/2 Miles	United Express	Ip Kui-ying	14.3	152 2.49
1 3/4 Miles	Marsh Warbler	Black	14.3	152 3.25%
2 Miles	Never-never	Black	14.3	152 3.55%

The victory of Viceroy (Mr Black) in the Kara Kara Handicap over six furlongs was clocked in 1.18 flat, but the time could not be officially recorded as the mare was running at 5 lb. under the weight for inches as per scale.

It will, however, be seen that her run was faster than Distant View's time by two-fifths of a second.

Fair Chance's success with Mr Wei in the Bendigo Handicap over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, was timed in 1.59% with 6 lb. under the scale and in the circumstance the run could not be accepted by the Stewards as the fastest.

Mr Li Lan-sang Heads Lucky Owners

THE LIST OF WINNING OWNERS is headed by Mr Li Lan-sang with \$11,500 and his earnings were contributed by Distant View, Misty View, Mountain View and Prairie View. His initial outlay was \$17,850 for five griffins, but Graceful View has not as yet gained a cent.

Mr Eu Tong-seng paid \$15,700 for his string of three griffins and Gloaming and Fleetwing won an aggregate of \$4,700 with a blank card from Gay Fox.

The Chairman of the club was very unlucky with King's Welcome (for which he paid \$2,800) for the progeny of Spelthorne out of Welkin Lily finished five times behind the first three placed ponies. However, out of the 42 ponies entered for the first meet, there were only eight non-starters.

Confidence In Austral Pony Griffins Justified

THIS NEW CLASS of Australian ponies, the Austral Pony Griffins, imported by the Hongkong Jockey Club, justified the confidence placed by the members and there were several exciting finishes.

It will be recalled that the highest price paid was \$8,100 for Gloaming by Dignus out of Lady Mecca, but the mare failed to live up to the reputation of the sire and she finished a bad sixth in the Austral Derby. She atoned for her failure by annexing the Yarra Stakes, and Gloaming won \$1,750 for Mr Eu Tong-sen.

Though costing \$100 less than Gloaming, Distant View proved a worthy son of Farr out of Bouny, and the gelding repaid the owner, Mr Li Lan-sang with \$8,500 including the Chater Cup.

Stake Winners

The following is a list of successful stake-money winners:	
A Happy Time	\$1,750
A Luxurious Time	1,750
Coloona	2,150
Distant View	8,500
(with Chater Cup)	
First Love	2,250
Fleetwing	2,050
Gloaming	1,750
Hincossey	1,000
Lucas Standi	400
Marsh Warbler	2,150
Misty View	400
Mountain View	1,000
National Courage	800
Nomina Poenae	600
Oracle	1,600
Prairie View	1,600
Starlight	2,750
Vis Major	600
	\$34,000

Bad Weather Failed To Detract General Success: \$190,000 To War Fund And Charity

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING of the Hongkong Jockey Club came to an end last Saturday before a bumper crowd of racegoers, but the weather was again very unpleasant on account of the heavy clouds and fog, and it was certainly hard; in fact one had to strain one's eyes to follow the running of the last few events.

4,777 Tickets To Win!

LUCKILY the Commodore's Mainsail kept a straight course to win the Flemington Plate (second section) because there were 4,777 backers on the pony, which was a record for the highest ever staked on a single racer.

A general review of the five days of racing would be impossible within the limits of space available, but I sincerely hope that a brief run-over will not be out of place.

JOCKEY'S SUCCESS

United Express And Ip Kui-ying

It was certainly a great triumph to Mr Ip Kui-ying who piloted United Express to victory in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (First Section), the Governor's Cup, the Rotoy-Hill Derby bracketed with the Sports Club Cup, and the Professional Cup associated with the Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, for the Jockey had never ridden in such classic events before.

What a grand success to the Russian trainer, Mr M. Popoff. What a fortune to the owner, Necan, who made an aggregate sum of \$10,000 with the inclusion of two silver trophies, and a leg in the Professional Cup.

More To Come

HOWEVER, I am not going to write the last chapter of the brilliant performance put up by United Express, for "Miss Australia of 1941 Annual Carnival" has 13 Extra Race Meetings in which to pick up more dollars. What amount of stakes she will earn up to the end of the racing season is a matter for conjecture.

It is interesting to relate that what she gained at the Spring meet was more than the amount of \$7,923 made by Far View or \$8,121 collected by Sapper during the whole of last year.

There was no doubt that the Australian subscription griffins of this season provided the "best events" of the meeting. It is my frank opinion that we have not seen the best of these youngsters from the Antipodes for in a consignment of 113 greenhorns, there must surely be a good percentage of ponies that will not run on a muddy course.

I was, like the owner and the champion jockey, very much disappointed with the poor show of Ullman M., and there was no doubt that the soft going was not to her liking. It does, however, seem strange, for her half sister Oracle proved a mudlark.

Money Winners

I APPEND below a list of the successful ponies with the amount of money won by the following:

Amulet Star	\$1,600
A Rosy Time	500
A Surprising Time	2,100
Bendemer	1,800
Black Seal	1,800
Bona Vacantia	500
Bugle	500
Casino	300
Corsair	900
Dutch Treat	2,000
(with Garrison Cup)	
Endeavour	2,774
Fresh Air	1,100
Happy Returns	3,000
King's Flight	1,000
Lex Forti	2,000
Mainsail	2,000
Manhattan	1,500
Maple Leaf	1,500
Moonlight	1,500
National Welfare	1,500
Never-never	1,500
Newborn Star	1,500
Optima Fido	500
Royal Sovereign	500
Santa Anita	3,000
(with Lusitano Cup)	
Sydney Lady	800
The Konla Bear	300
Tien Tien	300
United Express	10,000
(with Governor's & Sports Club Cups)	
Vitamin M.	300
	\$51,470

"Y" Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey at King's Park to-morrow:

1st XI v. Nomads (4.15 p.m.)—Cleggott; Taylor; Yuriet; Croft; Coombe; Waldron; Spence; Smith; Hitchcock; Morgan; Dunne.

2nd XI v. R.A.M.C. (5 p.m.)—Cleggott; Nathan; Robinson; Smith; Gorman; Banks; Macey; Olsen; Dormer; Ure; Manney.

Last Hongkong Derby For China Griffins Oolong Outstanding

THE LAST HONGKONG DERBY for China pony griffins of the season was won by Oolong without any toil and trouble, but it must be admitted that the Blue Riband and all other griffin's events were tame affairs.

Pari-Mutuel Record

A RECORD SALE of 9,800 chances for win, and 8,603 for place was established in the Rotoy-Hill Derby when the two reached an aggregate of 18,403 (representing a turnover of \$92,015) eclipsing the amount of 15,577 sold in the Lingers' Handicap on December 14, by 2,826 tickets — equivalent to \$14,130.

Girls' League Basketball Fixtures

THE OPENING GAME of the Hongkong girls' open basketball league under the sponsorship of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., will be played to-morrow at the Kowloon Chinese "Y" court on Waterloo Road.

South China A.A.'s classy girl eggerties tackle the Air-Raid Precaution's quintette in the featured game at 4.30 p.m.

A preliminary men's game has been carded for 3.30 p.m. with the Chiu Sing hoopers from Swatow playing against Kowloon Y.M.C.A.'s smart aggregation.

Dr C. T. Wang, who has donated a trophy for competition in the girls' loop, has been invited to toss up the opening ball at the centre of the floor.

Admission to these games will be 20 cents.

Craigengower Team

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a friendly Cricket match against St. Joseph's College to-morrow at Happy Valley, at 2 p.m.: A. M. Omar (Capt.), S. Leonard, A. Huang, P. H. Esmaill, U. H. Esmaill, G. Sauer, W. K. Way, N. Broadbridge, T. H. Edgar, G. S. Ladd, and L. Choo.

Compound Interest

THE luckiest owner was the stable named Collene, which paid only \$875 for Sam's Choice at the auction held on January 10, but the bay brought in \$2,300—almost compound interest.

The Manetta stable purchased Racounteur for \$3,000, and the chestnut stallion just managed to clear the base line to collect the third prize of \$300 in a field of our runners. The fourth pony, World Fair View, was badly left.

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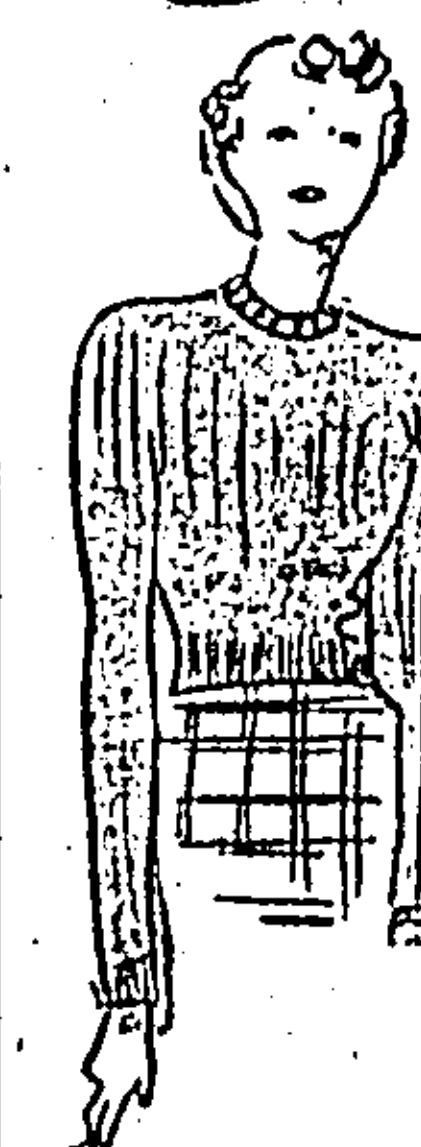
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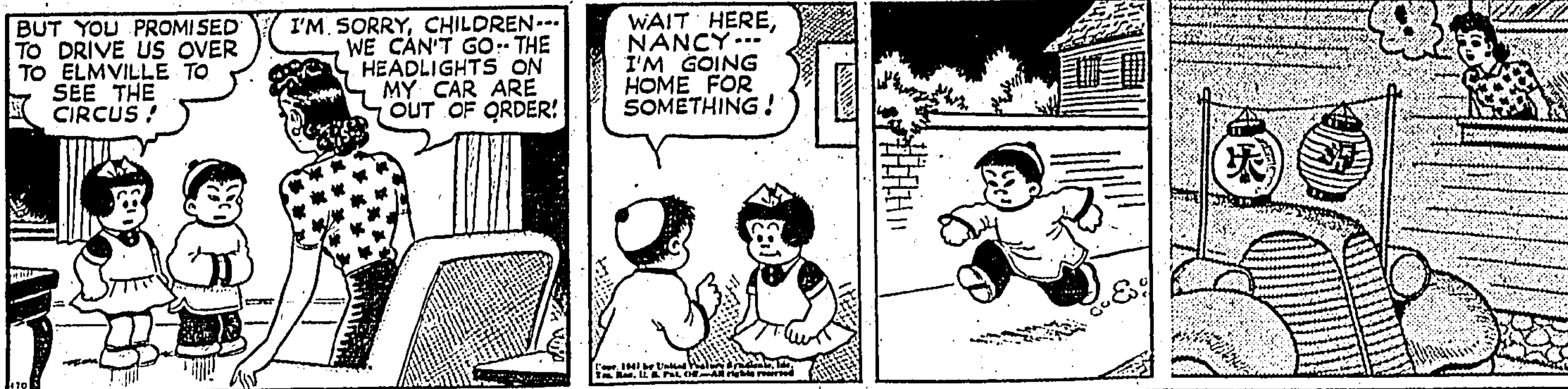


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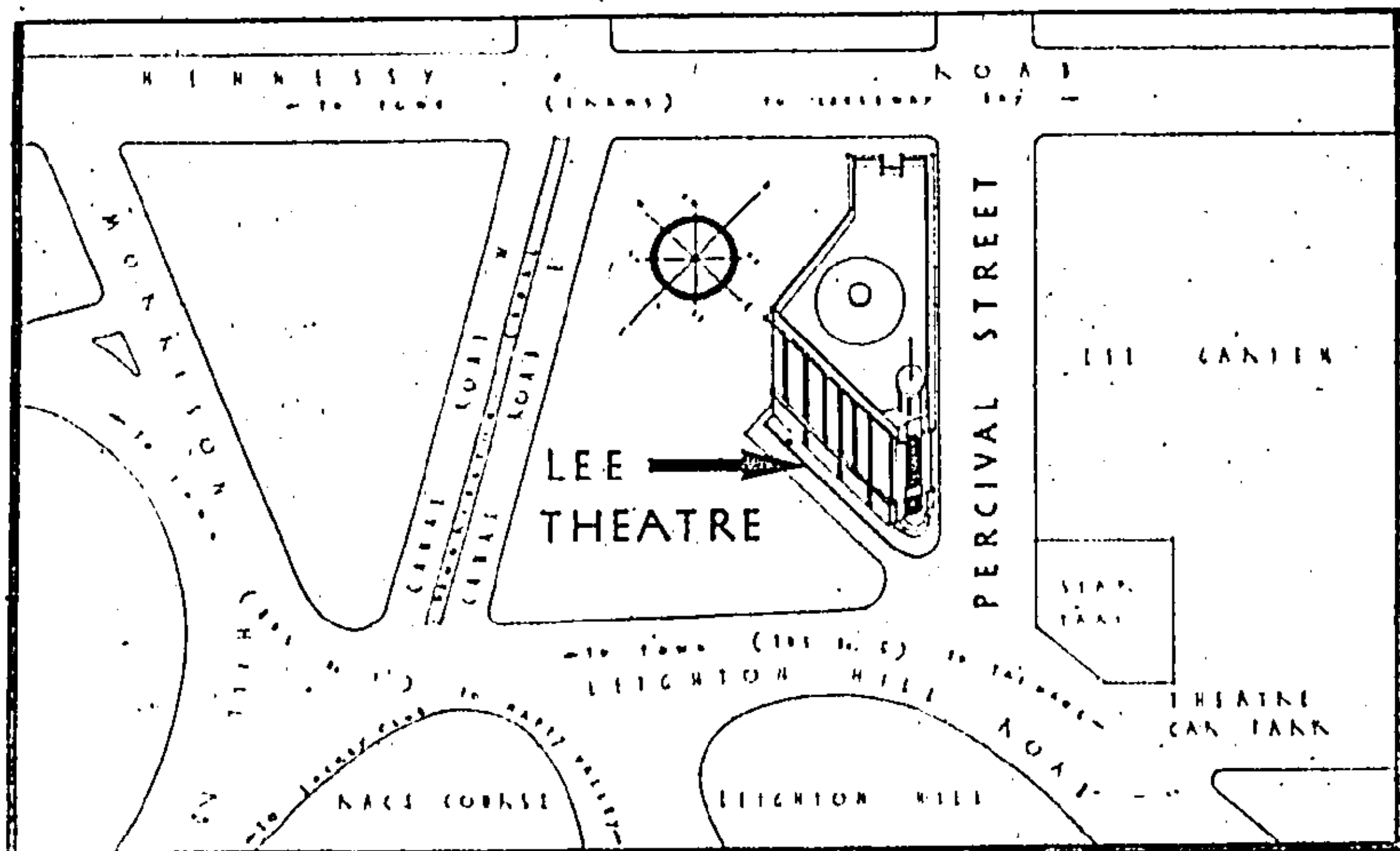
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This picture published in a Home Magazine recently is of special interest, as the group includes Mr. W. E. Peers, former Hongkong rugby Interporter. Mr. Peers, who has been reported missing by the Air Ministry is on the extreme right. He was identified in this picture by a relative in Hongkong.

Hongkong Trade Well Maintained In 1939

Hongkong's trade was well maintained in 1939, despite continued hostilities in China, the Japanese China coast blockade and repercussions of the European war, states the annual report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, published yesterday.

In the aggregate the total trade in merchandise decreased by only 2 per cent, compared with 1938. Imports declined by 3.9 per cent, on average, and exports increased by 4.2.

Trade with South China dropped very considerably but this was largely offset by increased trade with North China and Indo-China. Trade with Germany automatically ceased after the declaration of war in September. Before this the Colony had imported German merchandise valued at \$13.1 millions in 1938, compared with \$39 millions in 1939, and had exported \$14.6 millions, compared with \$13.1 millions.

There were increased exports to Russia, consisting mainly of China tea, the export market for which is now located in the Colony. Both imports from and exports to Japan showed a marked increase. Imports from the United Kingdom declined, and exports increased slightly.

Total imports of merchandise were valued at \$594.2 millions in 1939, compared with \$618.1 millions in 1938, and exports \$533.4 millions, compared with \$511.9 millions.

There were increased percentages of the total import trade recorded by Japan, Indo-China, Malaya, and miscellaneous countries at present grouped under the heading of "Other Countries." Increased export percentages were from Malaya, Indo-China, Japan, United Kingdom, Mexico, America, Kwongchow, Philippines, India and "Other Countries" (chiefly Russia).

According to an index constructed at the Statistical Office, wholesale prices showed a general average decline of two per cent. in 1939, compared with 1938, and 2.4 per cent. compared with 1937. The foodstuff group increased by 2.5 per cent. compared with 1938, and decreased by 1 per cent. compared with 1937.

The textile group decreased by 8.5 per cent. compared with 1938, and 9.8 per cent. compared with 1937. Metals and minerals group decreased by 1.6 per cent. compared with 1938, and 8 per cent. compared with 1937. The miscellaneous group decreased by 1.1 per cent. compared with 1938, and increased by 1.2 per cent. compared with 1937.

Air Vice-Marshal Breese Killed

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—Air Vice-Marshal Breese has been killed on active service as the result of a flying accident, states the Air Ministry.

Air Vice-Marshal Breese was appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 18 (Reconnaissance) Group in September, 1938, and was promoted Air Vice-Marshal in July last year.

Support For War Fund

A total of \$1,296,894.74 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Port Ltd. with the following donations:

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The S. C. M. Port has received the following donation to the Hongkong Benevolent Society in memory of the late Mr. Jack Lowrie:

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WAR MINISTER'S REPORT

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been faced by German troops, but the weakness of the Italian opposition was not due primarily to weakened morale, for the Italian forces were well equipped, strongly entrenched and numerically superior, but to the brilliant use of supplies and manoeuvres by the British forces.

Successes in East Africa were: 17 days from the beginning of the attack, Mogadiscio 350 miles away had fallen, and within another 48 hours in carrying out that operation so successfully, we had captured more than 10,000 prisoners.

These operations were a prelude to greater struggles with our principal enemy.

British Supplies
Our situation in June, 1940, after Dunkirk, was unenviable. Fortunately part of our expeditionary force's reserve equipment had been stored in Britain, and stores were got away from depots south of the Somme.

Furthermore the equipment en route from America to France was diverted to Britain and the transportation effected in one month was perhaps unequalled in history.

The breathing space that we have had since Dunkirk has been turned to good effect. Most of the major formations are now comparatively well equipped and are able to form new divisions.

We have also been able to supply material aid to the Allies.

Gallant Greeks
In a warm tribute to the gallant Greek operations, which "again proved that fortune favours the brave," Captain Margesson said that the Greeks, by their triumphant advance over difficult country in the depths of winter, had shown their neighbours that the small country possessed dauntless courage.

The Free French forces have already given gallant service in Libya, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and elsewhere, and the Poles are only waiting for a chance to get at the enemy once again.

The position as regards equipment has greatly improved since last summer and gives some cause for confidence. Gaps still existing in some classes of equipment are closing weekly and with the aid of British and Dominion and Indian production and the growing American output, the time is not distant when we shall have an army fully equipped and fully trained.

Not Sitting Tight
We are not sitting tight inside our defences but are endeavouring daily to improve our system of static and mobile defence.

In the meantime the Home Guard is doing a fine job, notwithstanding some temporary shortage of equipment. As proof of the excellence of British material, Captain Margesson recalled the long-range desert patrols organised by General Wavell soon after Italy entered the war, exploring the Libyan desert.

GERMAN TROOPS REACH BORDER

FROM PAGE ONE

they term the Soviet's blunt expression of disapproval over Germany's occupation of Bulgaria is expressed by all the leading newspapers.

"Tan" declares: "The Soviets have administered an icy shower both on the Germans and the Bulgarians."

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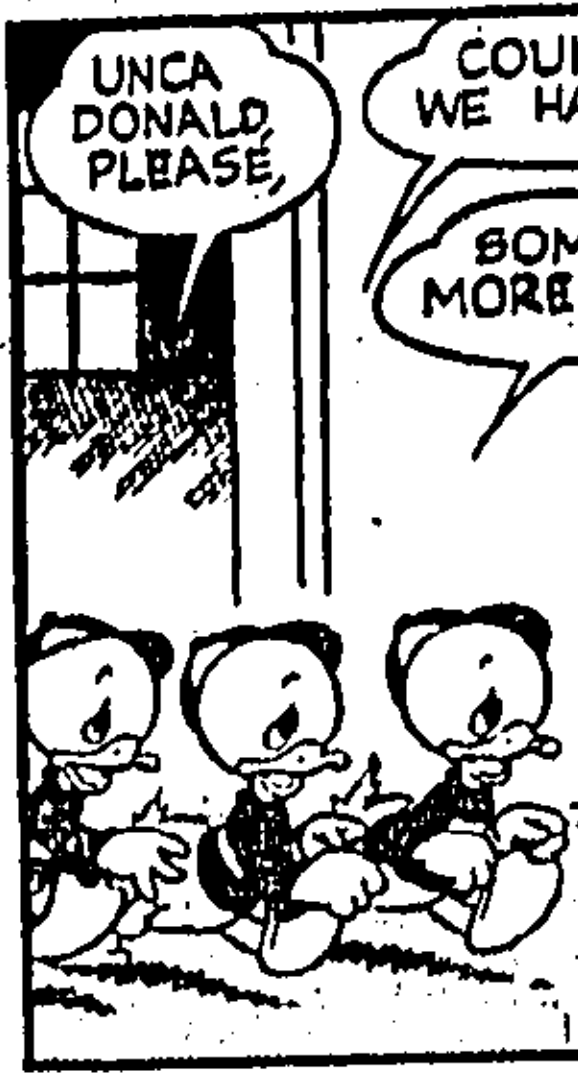
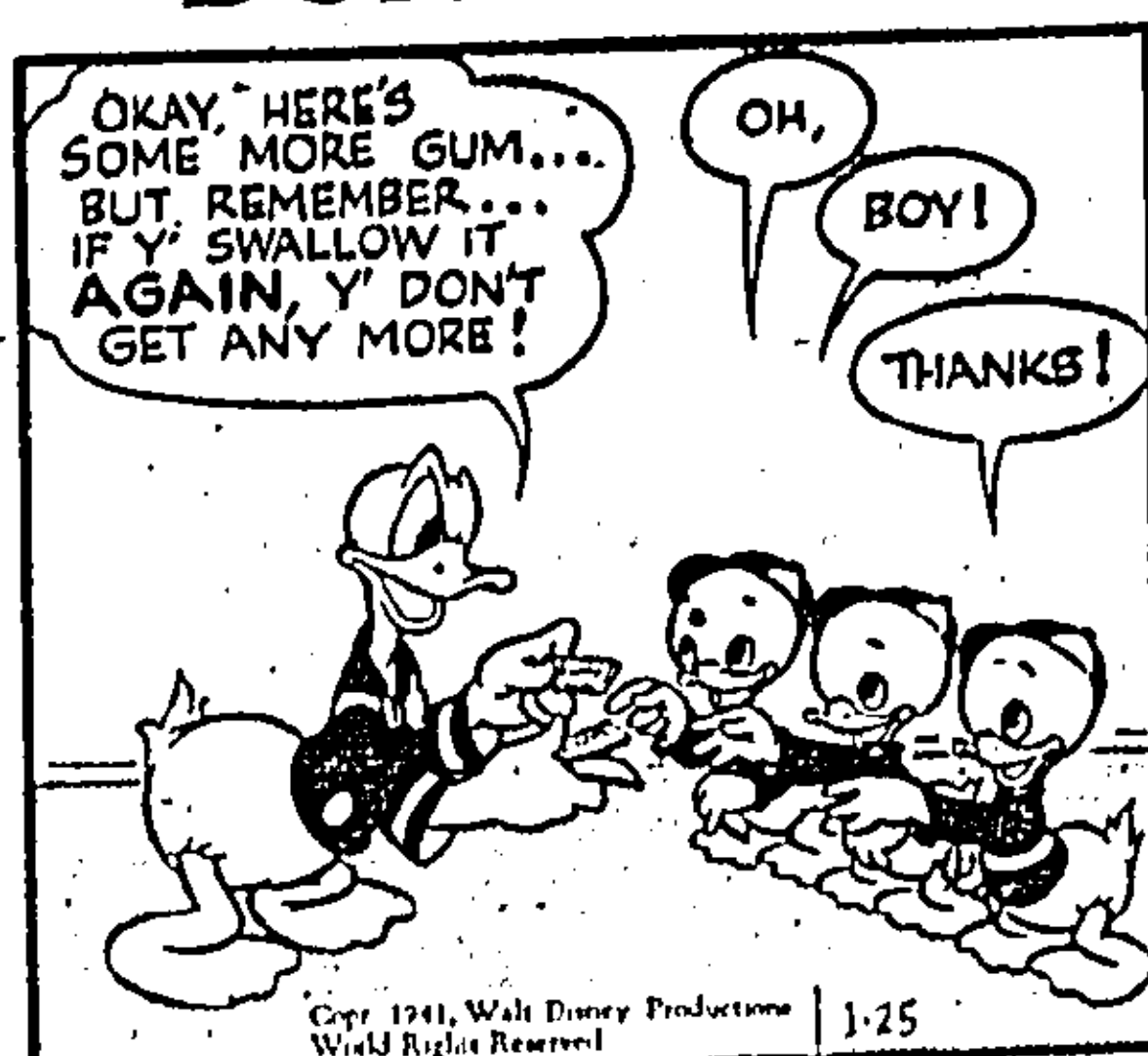
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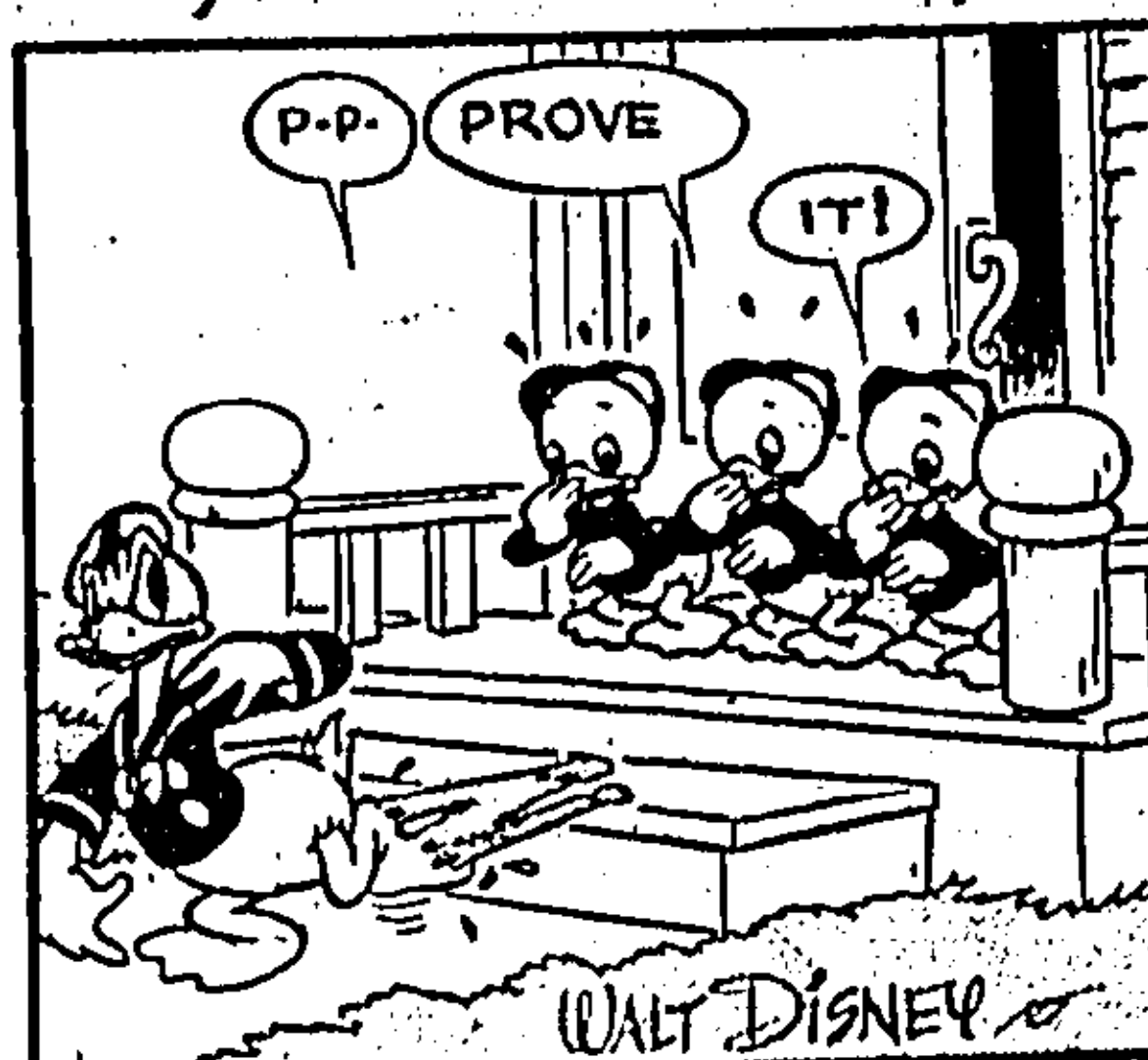
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ACROSS

- Enumerated
- Send out rays
- On the way
- Glancing out of water
- Impersonal pronoun
- Make indictment
- Heat of burden
- Deceitful
- Youth
- Quack
- Whispering noise
- Haas of steel
- Infia
- French party
- Jewish month corresponding to April
- Controller of phase
- Fellers of idle fables
- Marlette
- Letter of alphabet
- Wash's boat
- Members of tribe of Iroquois Indians
- Attachment for walking on ice
- Thursdays
- Road material
- Clashed with reins
- Declain vehemently
- Enriches
- Narrow opening
- Burly denoting possession of quality
- Wreath of flowers
- County in Idaho
- Twenty-two sevenths
- Musical air

DOWN

- Top of room
- Great lake
- Christian city
- Rounded protuberance
- Government in Russia
- Musical study
- Draws from source
- Strange again
- Enterlain
- Like
- Agree
- Patron of Ajax
- Descendant of Esau
- Tested actors
- Illness (Scottish)
- Down (town)
- Beginning to develop
- Daughters (Latin)
- Female relative
- Forward with close application
- Size of cone
- Auditory organ
- Timed stanza
- Etched object
- Baseball team
- Depositing in warehouse
- Maker
- Infant support
- Infirmary to enter
- Holds back
- Who's whole
- Trace of decay
- Trap
- Strong smile
- Let fall
- Shopping tool
- Third vowel of Greek alphabet
- Toward
- First person plural

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Serialised by HARRY LEE.

CHAPTER I

THAT particular four-storey brownstone house in the shabby West Sixties was in no way different from a dozen other houses in the block, except that about it seemed to hover the ghost of its past gentility. Its high stoop reared itself in outmoded pride, in spite of the fact that beside the heavy entrance door a faded sign announced to anyone who, in the rushing, noisy traffic of the New York of 1939, cared to read: "Board and Lodging—Transient and Permanent."

Beyond the door was a world where time stood still—a refuge for those who lagged behind in the march of the years and now found solace in turkey red carpets, high ceilings, tunnel-like drawing rooms and primed chandeliers. Above the marble mantel hung a vast painting of the withered old lady who for so many years had been mistress of the house—Miss Minnie.

Miss Minnie had left the house and everything in it to heavy-footed, fierce, funny Maggie Ryan, who had served her long and well as cook—and to the weepily romantic Norah Taylor, who had been her maid. Miss Minnie had willed them her four permanent boarders, too, and neither had the heart to put them out, as practical people told them they should.

There was gentle Mr Van Diver, who had been engaged to the mistress thirty years, waiting for her father's consent to marry, and for ten years after. Mr Van Diver's mind was failing, and he sometimes asked for Miss Minnie, forgetting she was numbered among the dead. Could they turn him out?

There was Rene Salmon of the flowing black tie, once a Greenwich Village poet, who still, even

with his paunch and baggy eyes, could mouth lines in a way to make Maggie Ryan goggle-eyed, and dissolute Norah Taylor in tears. Boldini, who'd been a magician, and his trick poodle, Fanto. And in the skylight room little Miss Flint, the seamstress, who dyed her sparse hair a flaming red, and was forever telling of being "followed" by men.

Taxes might be overdue and bills unpaid but Norah, tired of the people in it were lucrably good and that all the two of them had dreamed for their children would one day come true.

She insisted that her boy Tommy, whom she had not seen for five years, would marry Maggie's Sarah Jane yet, and be rich as all get out.

And why not, for hadn't they been raised like twins? Maggie's Sarah Jane—she called her Sal at the night clubs where she sang her torch songs—was a honest provocative girl who was the joy, and the despair, of her mother.

The permanent boarders, enjoying a quiet game of rummy one evening under Miss Minnie's imposing portrait—were thrown into confusion by the sudden pummeling of the front door and loud cries of "Let me in!" Fanto the poodle began to bark shrilly, and Mrs Taylor, opening the door warily, was shocked to see a little man sprawling on the floor and shielding his face with his hands, while Sarah Jane, revolver in hand, proceeded to deliver kicks with extreme violence. "Take that and that, you filthy brute... You filthy-limbered son-of-a-bitch!"

Mrs Taylor jammed her fingers into her ears.

After a final vicious kick which sent the little man rolling down the steps of the stoop into the street, Sarah Jane slammed the door on him and breezed in triumphantly. "The dirty termite!" she panted, "Followed me all the way home in a taxi after I called his bluff! And with a gun!

tool Can you imagine! He was going to make me into a torch singer. He took me into his studio, and after about five minutes I said Yeah, well, I never heard this called an audition before! The dirty little blackhead followed me all the way home in a taxi cab. With a gun, too—here she paused for breath, and tossed a gun on the table to the combined horror of her audience—as if I didn't know how to manage a monkey with a gun!

"Said he was going to discover me! Mel Boy, I've been discovered so many times they call me Miss America! Where's Ma? Up stairs? Well—see you later, kids! Go on with your game!"

She patted the poet's bald pate as she passed.

"Just like a breath," Mr Van Diver sighed, "of spring!"

★

MAGGIE RYAN was in her room

stomping her tired feet and having a bit of a look at the evening paper for herself, when her daughter burst in like a cyclone, embraced her so vigorously that she sent the news flying, and shouted, as she kissed her: "Hello, Ma! I'm home!"

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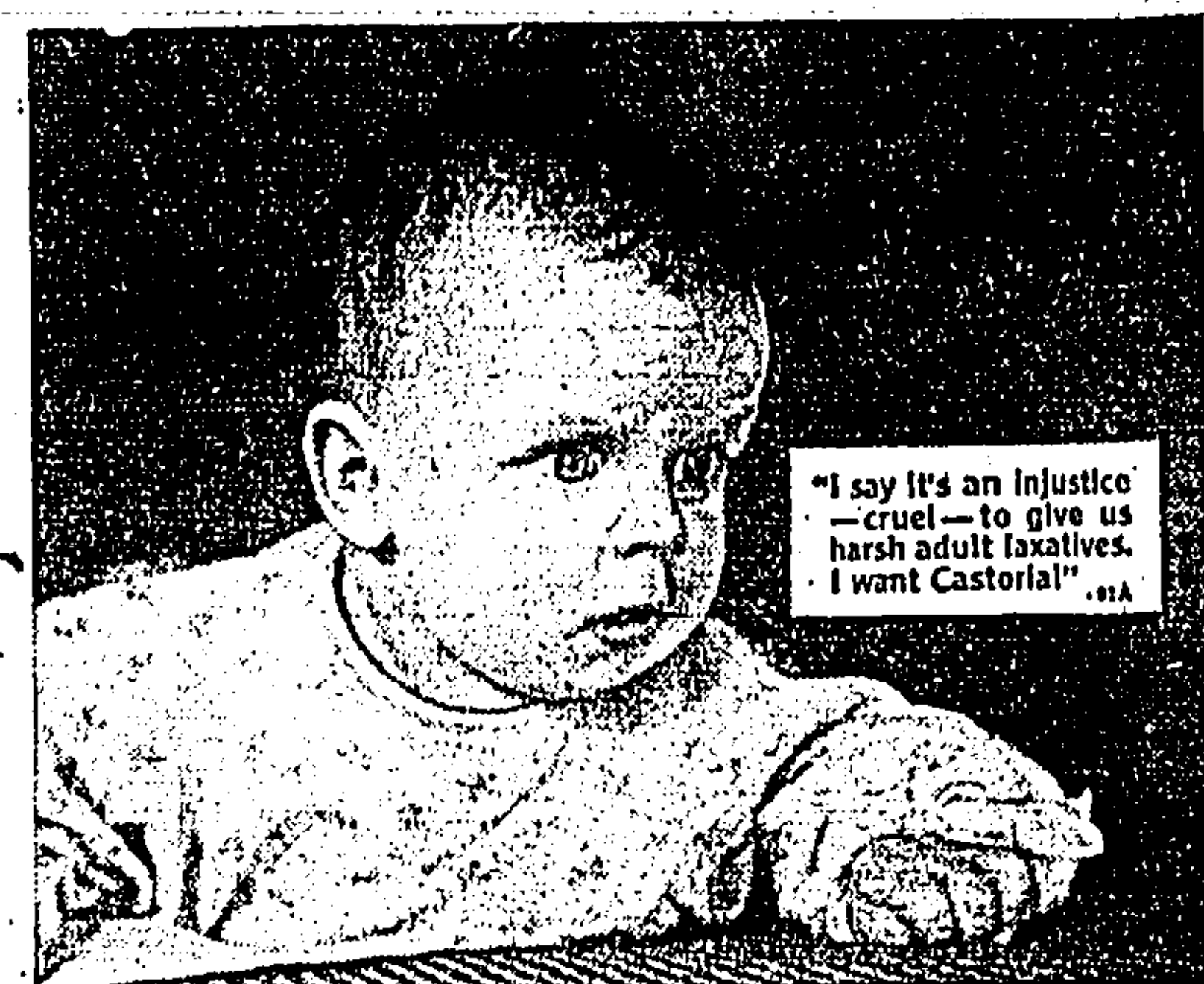
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THEIR MAJESTIES MINGLE WITH PEOPLE IN ROSYTH

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With Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief at Rosyth, the King boarded two warships and other warcraft which chase U-boats and sweep mines.

Belgian and Norwegian naval ratings mingled with British sailors and cheered him as he walked from the jetty.

The King also visited the Fleet Air Arm and earlier at Edinburgh the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland, where 150 people were enjoying a lunch of soup, roast beef, vegetables and sweets at a cost of 11d.

The Queen christened a catapult for a warship and in a factory the King and Queen had a long talk about Trade Unionism with three shop stewards.

First Japanese Envoy To Argentina

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 6 (Danel).—Baron Shu Tomii, first Japanese Ambassador to Argentina, Mr Hidenari Teranishi, former Second Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Peking, who has been transferred to Washington, Mr Nagao Kito, former Consul-General at Canton, who has been transferred to Honolulu, and Mr Fumio Miura, former official of the American Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office, who has been appointed Second Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Madrid, sailed for their posts via the United States aboard the N.Y.K. liner Tetsuta Maru this afternoon.

Clark Kerr Mission

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Central News).—It is believed that Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, arrived in Shanghai to supervise the evacuation of the British and make necessary arrangements to cope with the present Far Eastern situation, says a Shanghai dispatch.

Italian Ship Sunk

ATHENS, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—A Greek submarine has sunk an Italian supply ship in the Adriatic, according to a Greek communiqué.

Chiang And The Communists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (UP).—An unimpeachable source states that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has approved of the Peoples Political Council's undertaking of arbitration in the Communist embargo under the terms previously mentioned.

These terms include the discussion of all problems, provided the subjects do not conflict with military orders for discipline in the national programme of resistance and reconstruction.



Meet Sal... she's tempting... she's bold... but technically she's a good girl!

At the moment, miles away as the crow flies over the city roofs, Norah's Tommy was delivering a rather weak-kneed ultimatum to his boss, Chips Maguire, alias Grasselli. "I'm tired of playing piano in this joint for peanuts and promises! I'm tired packing a kit for you! I'm tired!" Here the doorman rushed in with word that the place was being raided. Maguire and Tommy escaped by an underground passage-way, and they groped their way out of the dim alley they see their informant. "Pick him off!" barked the boss. When Tommy refused, Grasselli snatched the revolver, fired, and the squealer slumped to the ground. "I'll hole up at your old lady's boarding house," said the boss as they made their getaway. "I'll my lawyer gets this thing straightened out and..."

"No, you won't! I'm no lily, but I won't bring Ma a prize package like you!"

"I wouldn't argue with me if I was you, Tommy. Not in the spot you're in."

"They're going to pick up that flatfoot we left in the alley, ain't they? When they dig out the bullet they'll find it came from your gun, won't they? If I just happen to toss it out in the street now, it wouldn't be long before they'd come tapping at your door, would it?"

"Tell the man," sneered Grasselli. "Tell him where we live!"

(To be continued to-morrow.)

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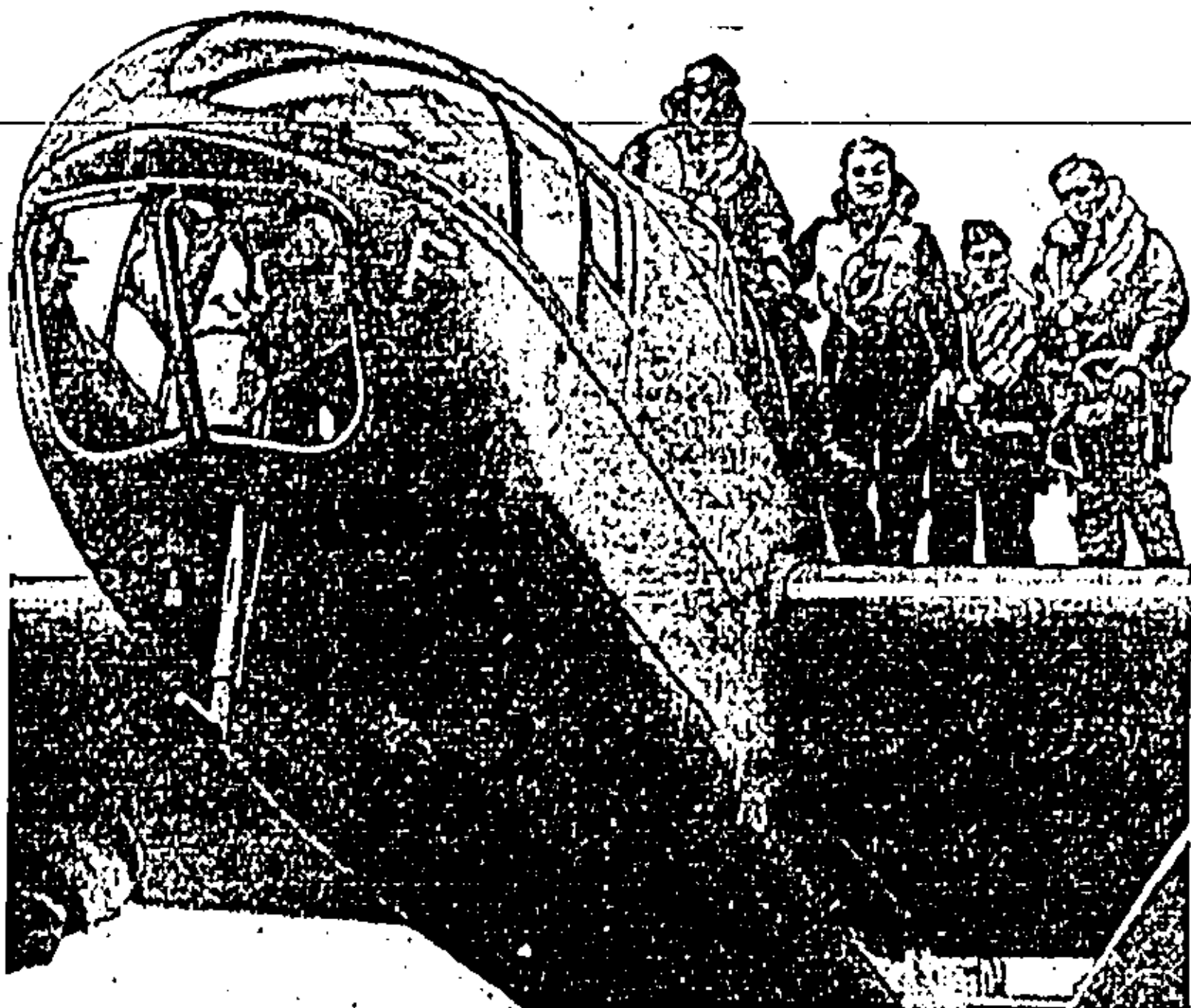
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GERMAN STRENGTH

ONE of the most invidious lies which has been foisted on the world is that of German invincibility. That this lie has tended to paralyse self-defensive measures by the smaller countries is shown by the unhappy way in which nation after nation has succumbed to German threats, whereas unified action could long ago have broken this legend of super-strength.

The tradition of invincibility has been carefully built up since the last war. In fact, the defeat of the German Army in the field in 1918 has always been denied by the German authorities, for the purpose not only of reinstating the German people in their own estimation as super-men, but also to persuade other nations that Germany is unconquerable and predestined to rule the world. This claim of invincibility has not been substantiated, and investigation of the facts goes to prove the contrary.

The Germans not only suffered a series of heavy reverses in the last war during the final "Battle of the Hundred Days," but a quarter of the German army was captured—the official figure for 63 days during the last months of the war was 140,476 prisoners—not to mention quantities of guns and material. They were forced to sue for peace in order to avoid complete collapse. As General Mordacq stated when writing an account of those days and of the revolution which followed the German defeat: "this dagger thrust was no longer necessary, because the Allies had already administered it and that straight to the heart."

Numerous other instances are recorded in which German officers and statesmen acknowledged defeat, but almost invariably these frank confessions were made immediately or soon after the termination of hostilities before the doctrine of invincibility had again been built up. This point might be considered irrelevant to-day, were it not for the fact that owing to the negligence of the Allies to deny this untruth and to give the world the actual facts, the Germans were able to build up a tradition of invincibility and race superiority which

RIDDLES OF 1941

—Fifth Article—

By W. N. EWER

WHAT has this year in store for Europe's remaining neutrals—for Spain and Portugal, for Sweden, for Switzerland, for the anxious countries of the South-East?

Will Hitler try in 1941 to overrun them, as he did so many of their fellows in 1940? Sooner or later he must subdue them if he is to achieve the purpose for which he went to war in 1939.

That purpose was the setting up of the "new order," the reorganisation of all Europe under German control.

Of all Europe. This new order is totalitarian. It wants all. Nor indeed could there be for long a Continent half-free and half-Nazi ruled.

Were the Germans to win, these still independent fragments of Europe would vanish overnight: they would be forced into the system: they would, in Nazi jargon, be "gleichgeschaltet."

For beyond doubt this idea of organising the whole of Europe under his own leadership is Hitler's passionate preoccupation. It is the next step to that final goal which Dr Frank, the Nazi Governor of Poland, declared the other day:

"To master the world as Germans. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world."

For that he has first to make himself leader of all Europe. But that is no easy job.

Last summer he thought it was practically done. His armies had swept from the Vistula to the Pyrenees, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, two-thirds of France were in his hands.

Last Summer...

Italy was an obedient ally; Vichy France was to be made so by Laval. Spain out of mingled fear and gratitude would take her allotted place. The Balkans could be overrun with ease. Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal must come to heel.

It all looked so splendidly simple and so nearly finished. But here is 1941; and the job is still to be done. Not only does quite a lot of Europe remain ungrasped, but even in the occupied countries the work of organisation goes ill.

Just what are the Nazis out to achieve in these countries they have already conquered and in those they hope to conquer?

Judging by performance, they have not one policy but three. One for the East, for the Slavonic peoples; one for the "Nordics" of Scandinavia and the Low Countries; one for the "Latins" of the West and South.

Slavs—Slaves

In this new Europe the fate of the Slavs is quite simple.

is largely responsible for their fanatical desire to make themselves rulers of the western world to-day.

Japan's statesmen appear to have swallowed this theory whole-heartedly and are rattling the sword vigorously as a result; but saner thought must sense that there is a "nigger in the wood-pile" and that by immolating the country on the altar to Nazism, the prosperity, security and progress of Japan are being gravely endangered.

They are to be slaves. That is clear enough from the policy followed in German-occupied Poland.

The Poles are treated in every way as an inferior people, a race of helots, whose mission is to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for their masters the Germans. Edict after edict makes that plain.

The Pole is ousted from the land to make room for German settlers. He can work for them, or go on gang labour into the Reich.

But he must wear a distinctive badge. He draws a lower wage and a lower ration than the German. He must not mix socially with the conquerors; German farmers have been severely punished for letting their Polish workers feed with them.

It is decreed that as quickly as possible all Polish skilled workers shall be replaced by Germans and degraded to unskilled jobs.

Executive posts—from manager to foreman—professional occupations, mercantile occupations, are all to be reserved for the master-race. The Pole is to be denied all but the rudiments of education.

That is the new order in the East. It is different in the North and West. Here Nazi theory, squaring with ordinary German prejudice, regards Danes and Norwegians, as well as Dutch and Flemings as of Germanic stocks, as near-Germans.

Hitler's policy therefore was, and still is, not to make them into slaves, but to make them into Germans, and into Nazis.

Persuasion

If these peoples would drop their "antiquated" notions about national and personal freedom, if they would adopt Nazi ideas, if they would accept Hitler as supreme overlord of all the Germanic peoples, then they would be treated as race-brothers, as equal partners, as members of the Greater German Reich.

Hence it came about that in these countries German policy has been less brutal than in the East. Necessity and greed have driven the Germans to plunder. But apart from that the policy has been one of steady effort to persuade the conquered to co-operate with the conquerors.

Hence Quisling in Norway and Mussert in Holland. Hence the Danish Government—allowed to carry on, with a Social Democrat as Prime Minister, provided that it is respectful and gives no trouble.

Nazidom, which wants to enslave the Slavs, wants to absorb the "Nordics."

For the South, for France, for Italy, for Spain, for Portugal, there is still another plan. These "Latins" are, of course,

inferior, very inferior, to Teutons; but at the same time not so inferior that they can be turned like Slavs into serfs under German task masters.

They cannot be absorbed; they cannot be enslaved. So Hitler proposes for them a different status. They must acknowledge his overlordship and the predominance of the Reich in Europe.

They must accept his guidance in their foreign relations; their armed forces must be at his disposal as supreme European war-lord. Their economic systems must conform with Germany's economic needs. Their political systems must be totalitarian, and supervised by the Gestapo.

But if they accept that, then they can run their own affairs in their own way, with some measure of independence. They can be second-class members of the new European order, subordinate to Germany, but neither absorbed nor directly ruled by her.

Hands Full

This is the "collaboration" which Hitler has already forced upon Mussolini, which he is trying to force upon Petain, which he would like to force upon Franco.

It all looks as simple as a blue-print. It is all proving so terribly difficult in practice. Establishing the "new order" is for Hitler now not so much a plan as a brain-racking puzzle.

The plan was that the European peoples should co-operate with the Germans either as slaves or as partners or as Allies. The puzzle is how to make them do it. For (apart from tiny "Quisling" groups here and there) they just decline to do anything of the kind.

Poles and Czechs resist stubbornly and steadily. Day after day the newspapers of the invader report executions, imprisonments, deportations. The news is meant to intimidate. But it tells that resistance goes on.

In the West the Dutch and the Belgians, the Danes and the Norwegians carry on the same quiet struggle.

The German authorities are worried—and baffled. These countries which were so easy to swallow are proving so unexpectedly hard to digest.

And now occupied France, recovering from the first shock, begins to present still further problems for the "occupying Power." The Gestapo has its work cut out for it from Warsaw to Bordeaux.

That, I think, is one reason why the Germans still delay to push their conquests farther. They have enough on their hands already.

They do not relish the prospect of having to subdue a tough



Sweden, a tough Switzerland as well; of marching into a Spain which may be "Fascist," but which would certainly resent, and probably resist, invasion. Even the much-talked-of occupation of "Vichy France" is no tempting job.

In war one never knows. Strategic needs change and compel new actions. An Italian collapse might force Hitler to push his own armies to the Mediterranean.

But failing some over-riding need, I think that these neutrals of Europe can count on reprieve.

He may be forced to go to Marseilles and Toulon, whatever the consequences. He may be forced into the dangerous venture of an invasion of the Balkans.

Beyond question, he would rather avoid doing either. Each would mean new effort, new liability, new expenditure of man-power and of resources he wants to conserve.

To invade Vichy France would be to risk the rallying of all the French Empire to the side of the Allies. To invade the Balkans would be to strain near-breaking-point his friendship with Soviet Russia.

Hitler's Policy

He would vastly prefer, if it can be done, to avoid the use of force, to achieve his purpose by a mixture of threats, cajolery and internal intrigue.

That is his French policy at the moment. It is also his Balkan policy. It has already been successful in Hungary and in Rumania.

Now he tries it on Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. But in changed circumstances. Hungary and Rumania joined the New Order before the days of the Greek resistance, before the days of the North African campaign.

Jugoslavia and Bulgaria are being stiffer than their northern neighbours. The pressure on them will doubtless increase. Can they still resist successfully?

Suppose they stand up to diplomatic and economic pressure. Will Hitler order his armies to march on Belgrade and Sofia?

Given everything, I doubt it. He will certainly hesitate. He has already hesitated.

It may be that the strategic situation will so change that he cannot help himself: that the need for a new advance will become irresistible.

It All Depends...

The neutrals owe much to the steady courage of millions of unknown men and women in the occupied lands, who have already taught the Germans that to break an army is not to conquer a people.

As to their final fate—well that, like so much else in the world to-day, depends upon our war. Their freedom depends upon our victory; and, even when fear or caution compels them to speak otherwise, they know that very well.

[Editor's Note:—Mr Ewer's article was written early last month. Bulgaria has since fallen to Axis pressure, and German troops have overrun the country. German demands that Yugoslavia should adhere to the Axis are also reported to have been made.]

TO-MORROW

WHAT ARE STALIN'S PLANS?

By Professor Harold
Laski

Even Venus de Milo Heils Charlie

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The film will have its gala premiere at the Lee Theatre to-night at 9.30 p.m.

Nightsoil Removal System Opposed By Unofficials

Strong opposition to the proposed new system of nightsoil removal at a cost of \$400,000 a year by vesting control in Government was voiced at a meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday, which was specially called to discuss the matter.

Speakers in favour of the new scheme were the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, and the Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council, who advanced as their main reasons the serious menace to public health of the present system and the necessity of controlling the coolies engaged in the business.

Most of the Unofficial Members spoke against the new system, the majority being of the opinion that the Urban Council should enforce the by-law which provides supervision of the carriers.

Decision on the matter was deferred, and it is understood that another meeting may be held.

CHIANG SPEAKS HOPEFULLY Foreign Relations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (UP).

Chiang Kai-shek, speaking to the People's Political Council last night, declared: "My fundamental belief is that the Soviet, British and American will never obstruct Chinese resistance and will surely aid our resistance. Some people have been hoping that Russia or America would aid China by actually going to war, but I have never counted on that because the Chinese have strength alone for the final victory."

"We do not necessarily need friendly Powers actually to join in the war, but we do need them to maintain strict neutrality. My

The Hon. Mr N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) presided, and members present were the Hon. Mr R. R. Todd (Acting Financial Secretary), the Hon. Mr A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works) the Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada e Castro, the Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr L. Tse-fong, and Mr C. B. Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Council).

The Hon. Dr Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr Carrie and Dr N. C. MacLeod, Deputy Director of Health Services, also attended by invitation of the Committee.

strong belief is that these Powers will never reach a genuine compromise with Japan; so we have nothing to worry about in our foreign relations.

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HOW BURYE WAS CAPTURED

—East Africa.

(BY "REUTER" IN ADDISABABA)

March 6.—Thrusting through parched mountainous country, the Abyssinian patriot army, led by British and Australian officers, scored their first major military success with the capture of the well-fortified market town of Burye, which was evacuated on Tuesday.

The fall of Burye follows relentless guerrilla activities. Previous advances had been largely the result of Italian withdrawals but Burye was defended by Italian artillery, wire fortifications and the garrison was estimated at two brigades.

Nearing Capital
The next point of any importance along the road to Addis Ababa is Debra Marcos, some 40 miles nearer the capital, but it is believed that this is no more strongly defended than Burye.

The strongest natural defence now existing between the patriot army and Addis Ababa is the beginning of the Blue Nile, a further 30 miles on, and this is a large canyon about a mile deep.

Debra Marcos is situated at a road junction which includes the strategic road from Addis Ababa to Gondar. The cutting of this road would be a serious blow for the Italians.

Support For War Fund

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Japanese-Soviet Relations Reviewed Why Japan Now Sues Kremlin For Treaty

—Reds Hold Whip Hand

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—"The Times" publishing a special article to-day dealing with the Japan-Soviet relations in the Far East, states: The present phase of Russo-Japanese relations can be traced back to autumn 1931 when Japan achieved the conquest of Manchuria.

Japan had been an object of suspicion to the Soviet regime ever since the prolonged occupation of Russian territory by the Japanese troops during and after the Kolchak episode, East Siberia not being finally evacuated till 1922 and Northern Sakhalin not until 1925, when Japan first officially recognised the Soviet Government.

These suspicions were fully re-proven at Tokyo where the supposed designs of the Comintern were a favourite bugbear. But there was little contact between the two countries during these years, and official relations, while formally correct, were wholly uneventful.

All this changed when Japan, through the establishment of the puppet state of Manchukuo, acquired a long common frontier with the Soviet and with Moscow's vassal state, Outer Mongolia.

Frontier incidents became the order of the day. In the next year, official cognizance was taken of no fewer than 184 such incidents. Most famous of them was the clash on the Amur river early in the summer of 1937. It was a prelude to Japan's undeclared war on China, which opened in July 1937.

Soviet Russia got the worst of the incident militarily, and failed to react diplomatically, and this revelation of weakness, popularly attributed to the recent purges in the Party and Army, was taken by Japan as an all-clear sign to embark on the great Chinese adventure.

Russia Was Suitor
In the Russo-Japanese negotiations throughout this period, Soviet Russia was suitor for a non-aggression pact, which was more than once proposed by her and rejected by Japan.

"The high-handed seizure by Japan of the Russian-owned Chinese Eastern Railway was safely liquidated by the sale of the railway to Japan, or nominally to the state of Manchukuo."

Apart from recurrent frontier clashes another principal apple of discord was the fishery rights in Russian waters which had originally been conceded to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth, 1905. These were the subject of perpetual friction and of claims persistently asserted by Tokyo and no less persistently contested by Moscow and of temporary agreements which refused to last.

One of the many attempts to reach a settlement was rejected by Russia when Japan signed the anti-Comintern pact in 1936.

Soviet Russia had, however, not been idle in these years. The Amur frontier was fortified, the track of the trans-Siberian railway was reinforced and a powerful air base built up—some of it on Arctic islands.

Scales Tipped
"Since 1937 Japan's preoccupation with the China campaign and the partial military recovery of the Soviet have gradually tipped the balance in favour of the Soviet Government."

"Soviet help to China has been intermittent but substantial, and Japan has never been able to secure its cessation."

Most intensive of all outbursts of frontier warfare between Japan and Soviet Russia during the past 10 years occurred in the summer of 1939 in the region of Nomonhan on the frontier of Outer Mongolia and ended in a fairly decisive victory for the Soviet troops.

Japan admitted to fewer than 18,000 casualties in two months miniature warfare.

A truce was patched up in September 1939 after the conclusion of Stalin's pact with Ribbentrop and the outbreak of war in Europe, and since that time Germany has not relaxed her efforts to bring about a rapprochement between the two countries where friendship and support she simultaneously covets; but the position between Japan and the Soviet is no longer that of the "thirties."

Possible Pact

Japan is now the suitor for a non-aggression pact and has agreed to a "reconsideration" of the fisheries question; she might even be prepared to come to terms which did not include the abandonment by Russia of aid to China.

Meanwhile the Kremlin holds its hand and says nothing, and no doubt awaits with curiosity the much canvassed treaty with Japan when it will not miss an opportunity of making its power felt.

The fundamental rivalry between the two powers in the Far East will, however, remain. Each side has weaknesses and strong points. Siberia is sparsely populated, especially in the east, but its enormous size makes it difficult to occupy effectively.

Japan has the advantage in mobile and concentrated forces, but the shortage of war materials leaves her at the mercy of a boycott by the outside world, and her great cities are open to air attack.

Russia is probably incapable of waging war on two fronts. But although her pact with Hitler is in itself a worthless insurance, her usefulness to Germany as a source of supply probably is a real safeguard.



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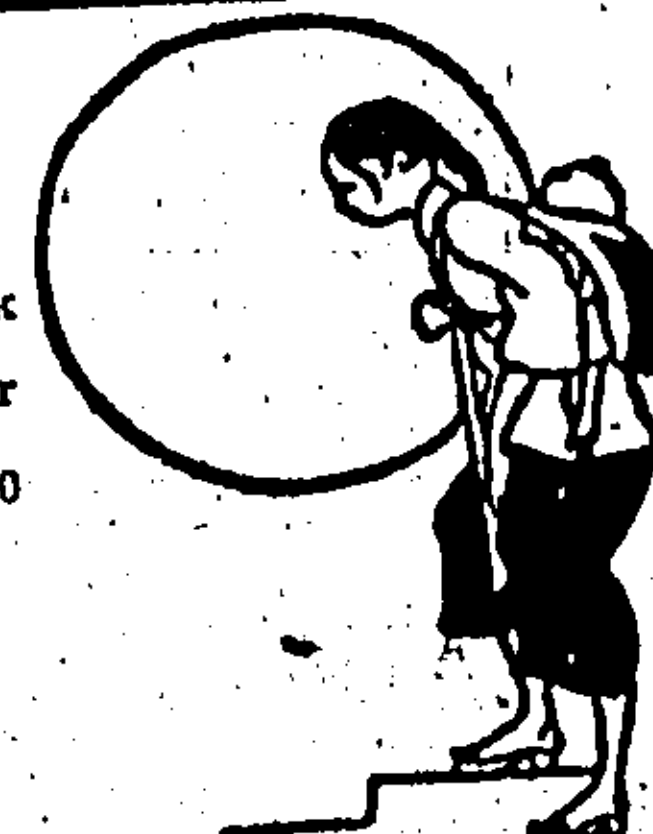
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Glorious Old Indian Regiments To Be Revived By New Commander

NEW DELHI, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The resolution of Lieut-General Claude Auchinleck, G.O.C., India, regarding the recruitment of all classes of men for the Indian armed forces was unanimously passed by the State Council to-day.

The resolution, a substitute for the resolution submitted by an unofficial member, was as follows: "The Council of State, while recognising, to begin with, that the Army can most speedily be expanded only on the existing basis of recruitment, recommends to the Governor-General that the Council and the Army Authorities should now review the sources of manpower throughout the country and should exclude no class or area from their consideration for recruitment for the formation of new units."

After reviewing the situation, General Auchinleck said that for the last 80 years there had been no war worth the name, civil or otherwise, within the frontiers of India proper.

Before this time, there were three distinct armies in India—the armies of Madras, Bombay and Bengal. The cessation of armed strife in the country and the removal of war and the threat of war in the north-western approaches to India had resulted to some extent in the merging of the two southern armies, particularly perhaps the Madras Army.

Lord Kitchener's Work

Large-scale conversion of Madras into Punjab regiments was carried out by Lord Kitchener and he had considerable justification for the action. The soldiers of northern India made the fullest use of the opportunities thus offered and their record of gallantry and devotion to duty was second to none. India owes them a great debt.

Despite, however, the great opportunities for service and training afforded the men of the north, the war of 1914-18 showed very clearly that many older but then less well-known classes had by no means lost their spirit. In that war expansion, generally speaking, followed the lines of the existing class composition of the army. After the war the Army was drastically reduced. Under these circumstances one can hardly blame them for clinging to those races and classes which had proved themselves as soldiers for a long period of years instead of launching experiments with less well-tried material.

Class Composition

Speaking generally, the class composition of the Indian Army at the beginning of this war did not differ much from that of 1914. It soon became obvious in India as in other parts of the Commonwealth that a speedy and vast expansion of the armed forces was necessary.

"Here I would like the House to consider the process of expanding and raising an army. To form new units, one must have a heaven of trained officers and non-commissioned officers."

"A modern unit is a complicated and intricate fighting machine, taking months to assemble in running order. Generally speaking, the Indian Army is organised on a class basis with units each composed of one class. The system is a long-standing one and owes its existence to the difficulties involved in the administration of a unit comprising men of all classes, creeds and widely different habits."

System Not Unchangeable
"I do not say that this system is immutable. It has been and is being modified in certain directions already."

"The Indian Military Academy at Dehradun is an outstanding example. I believe that considerable progress in the rank and file has been made in the Royal Indian Navy, and the Indian Air Force. These services, however, though important, are relatively small forces compared with the Army which, moreover, has its own very strong and ancient traditions."

"To attempt to change these traditions and introduce radical alterations to the system of army organization in the middle of a war would, I think, be a very hazardous experiment."

Traditional Lines

"For these reasons the first expansion of the Army followed traditional lines. It consisted largely but by no means altogether in duplication of existing units, but progress is being made in the enlistment of other classes."

"Last week I saw at work the first regular Bengal unit—a battery of heavy artillery. I also saw a Territorial force battalion of the Hyderabad Regiment which had enlisted solely from the province of Bihar and also a Madras Territorial Battalion which, though its existence is only barely six months has shown every sign of becoming a very useful acquisition for the Army."

"It has been revealed that since the war began, the strength of the army of Madras has risen from 4,000 to well over 10,000 and is still increasing. The same process is going on in other classes, but it is a slow process because there are no established units from which a nucleus of Viceroy's commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers can be drawn."

"With the present system of class composition, I think it is essential that men of each class should have their own leaders with whose speech and temperament they are familiar." The Commander-in-Chief announced that the old Madras Regiment, which disappeared in 1920, is to be revived and restored to its rightful place in the Army List.

Old Battle Honours

The first battalion of this regiment, which will be a regular battalion, is to be raised forthwith and will carry on its colours the battle honours of the old Madras Army, some of which go back 200 years. "I hope," he said, "before long to be able to ensure permanent representation of other provinces hitherto not mentioned in the Army List in the same way."

Speakers from all Parties then present in the House expressed satisfaction at General Auchinleck's statement and urged that the policy enunciated in the resolution be carried out as early as possible.

Pandit Kunzru, for whose resolution the Commander-in-Chief's was substituted, declared that it was evident that General Auchinleck intended to do something and that he was anxious to carry the Legislature with him and to unite India in the prosecution of the war.

Australian Reaction To Menzies' Speech

MELBOURNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. E. G. Menzies' speech in London last Monday discounting the inevitability of a conflict between Australia and Japan has caused no dissent in the Commonwealth Cabinet, stated Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Acting Prime Minister.

The information now received by the War Council has checked Labour criticism of the speech.

GERMAN TROOPS REACH BORDER

FROM PAGE ONE

They term the Soviet's blunt expression of disapproval over Germany's occupation of Bulgaria is expressed by all the leading newspapers. "Can" declares: "The Soviets have administered an icy shower both on the Germans and the Bulgarians." "Hidam" says: "The Soviet Union, in an unusually hardened tone, shows great irritation over the presence of German troops in a region considered the Russian security zone and only 70 miles from the region of the Dardanelles."

Mass Movement

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The march of German troops into Bulgaria is now assuming the proportions of a mass movement towards the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, stated the Ankara radio to-night.

All means of conveyance, including trains, lorries and buses, are being utilised.

The announcer suggested that Germany was out to fight Britain wherever she felt it possible to do so and was "doubtless seeking the weakest point in the British chain of defence."

It was added that Mr. George W. Rendel, the British Minister to Bulgaria, would not be leaving Sofia for another two or three days.

Communications Cut Off

SOFIA, Mar. 6 (UP).—The German troops continued their rapid advance across Bulgaria and the United Kingdom and Straits Mar. 7. United Kingdom and Straits Mar. 7. Canton. Mar. 8. U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 8th Feb.) Mar. 8. Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" Mar. 8. Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March. Mar. 11. Canton. Mar. 11. U.S.A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date 21st February) Mar. 11.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS.
H.K. Banks \$.....1,345 n.
H.K. Banks £.....74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....82 n.
Chartered £.....23 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....23 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....11 1/2 n.
East Asiatic £.....70 n.

INSURANCES
Canton \$.....215 n.
Union \$.....415 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....170 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....136 n.
Stenbom \$.....74 n.
Indo-China \$.....80 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....43/9 n.
Waterbonts \$.....7 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....95 n.
Docks (old) \$.....17/6 n.
Docks (new) \$.....17 n.
Providents \$.....54 1/2 n.
Shal Dockyards \$.....26 1/2 n.

MINING
Kailan \$.....17/- n.
Raub \$.....8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotel \$.....340 n.
Lands \$ x d.32 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures97 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh. \$.....670 n.
Humphreys \$.....320 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....98 n.
Chinese Estates \$ x d.98 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$ x d.10 1/4 n.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$.....54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....10 1/4 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....41 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....41 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (Old) \$.....10 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (New) \$.....10 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....24 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....9 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) \$.....30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) \$.....25 n.
Canton Tea \$.....1 n.
Cement \$.....16/0 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....8 1/4 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....10 1/4 n.
Watsons \$.....10/70 n.
Lanc. Crawfords \$.....7 1/4 n.
Sinceres \$.....210 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....20 n.
Powell \$.....1/00 n.

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T.T. Batavia	45 1/4
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Java and Manila. Mar. 7.
Singapore. Mar. 7.
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United Kingdom and Straits Mar. 7.
Canton. Mar. 8.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 8th Feb.) Mar. 8.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" Mar. 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March. Mar. 11.
Canton. Mar. 11.
U.S.A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date 21st February) Mar. 11.

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Friday, Mar. 7.
Straits and Rangoon. 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

K.P.O. & G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 7, 4 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 7, 4.30 p.m.
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Sulphur. 2.30 p.m.
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K.P.O. & G.P.O.
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Ord. Mar. 8, 4.30 p.m.
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Reg. Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m.

Sunday, Mar. 9.
Canton. 5.00 p.m.
Monday, March 10.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa. 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.

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Par. Mar. 10, 4 p.m.
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LOFOTEN RAID

300 Nords Taken Off

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Norwegian circles in London to-day expressed great satisfaction at their forces' part in the Lofoten raid.

It is understood that over 300 Norwegian patriots were brought back to join their fellow countrymen in this country.

Germans & Quilings
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Over 200 German prisoners and Quilings with some Norwegian loyalists from Lofoten arrived at a British port to-night.

The Norwegian loyalists were in a happy mood. The Germans and Quilings were under a very strong guard.

JOCKEY'S SUCCESS

United Express And Ip Kui-ying

It was certainly a great triumph to Mr. Ip Kui-ying who piloted United Express to victory in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (First Section), the Governor's Cup, the Ruffy-Hill Derby bracketed with the Sports Club Cup, and the Professional Cup associated with the Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, for the jockey had never ridden in such classic events before.

What a grand success to the Russian trainer, Mr. M. Popoff. What a fortune to the owner, Necan, who made an aggregate sum of \$10,000 with the inclusion of two silver trophies, and a leg in the Professional Cup.

More To Come

HOWEVER, I am not going to write the last chapter of the brilliant performance put up by United Express, for "Miss Australia" of 1941 Annual Carnival has 13 Extra Race Meetings in which to pick up more dollars. What amount of stakes she will earn up to the end of the racing season is a matter for conjecture.

It is interesting to relate that what she gained at the Spring meet was more than the amount of \$7,923 made by Far View or \$5,121 collected by Sapper during the whole of last year.

There was no doubt that the Australian subscription griffins of this season provided the best events of the meeting. It is my frank opinion that we have not seen the best of these youngsters from the Antipodes for in a consignment of 113 yearlings, there must surely be a good percentage of ponies that will not run on a muddy course.

I was, like the owner and the champion jockey, very much disappointed with the poor show of Vitamin M, and there was no doubt that the soft going was not to her liking. It does, however, seem strange, for her half sister Ornela proved a mudlark.

Money Winners

I APPEND below a list of the successful ponies with the amount of money won by the following:

Amulet Star	\$1,500
A Rosy Time	500
A Surprising Time	2,100
Bandmaster	1,500
Black Seal	1,500
Bona Vacantia	500
Bugle	500
Casino	300
Corsair	2,000
Dutch Treat	(with Garrison Cup) 2,774
Endeavour	1,100
Fresh Air	3,000
Happy Returns	1,987
Jus Gentium	2,000
King's Flight	2,000
Lex Fori	2,000
Malinsal	2,500
Manhattan	1,500
Maple Leaf	1,500
Moonlight	1,500
National Welfare	1,500
Never-Never	1,500
Newborn Star	500
Optima Fide	500
Royal Sovereign	500
Santa Anita	3,000

(with Lusitano Cup)
Sydney Lady 800
The Kooka Bear 300
Tien Ti 500
United Express 10,000
(with Governor's & Sports Club Cups)
Vitamin M 300

\$51,470

Clipper Schedule Altered

Pan American Airways announced this morning that the China Clipper departed Honolulu this morning Hongkong bound and would arrive in the Colony on Tuesday afternoon, March 11.

The Honolulu Clipper is scheduled to depart San Francisco on March 10 arriving in Manila on March 10 where its westbound trip will terminate. The Honolulu Clipper will be turned around at Manila and will not proceed to Hongkong. Mails destined to Hongkong aboard this Clipper will be forwarded by steamer from Manila and an announcement will be made later by the General Post Office as to their arrival date in Hongkong.

Similarly an announcement will be made later as to the Hongkong closing date of mails for the Honolulu Clipper as such mails must be forwarded to Manila via steamer to make connections with this Clipper which is scheduled to depart from Manila on March 18.

All subsequent schedules will proceed to Hongkong with the following arrival dates in Hongkong now scheduled:

California Clipper, March 22; Philippine Clipper, March 26; China Clipper, April 1 and the Honolulu Clipper, April 8.

Hearings Against Harry Bridges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Attorney General, Mr. Robert Jackson, to-day named Judge Charles B. Sears, recently retired from the New York United States Court of Appeals, to preside over the deportation hearings of Harry Bridges in San Francisco which are starting March 31.

Fastest Times For New Scale Of Weights

THE NEW SCALE OF WEIGHTS came into operation at the meeting. History was made when Wayworth with Mr. Jack Feilden in the saddle weighed out at 170 lb. for the Warrego Plate, carrying 26 lb. overweight and the run was not a short distance but over two miles. What was the object of the excess?

Hereunder is a list of fastest times run at the new scale of weights:

CHINA PONIES		Jockey	Needle	Height	Weight Time
Six Furlongs	Pony	Oolong	Needle	14.1	162 lb. 1.23 1/4
One Mile	Tracylight	Needle	14.1	162	1.54
From the two mile post, once round and in	Sam's Choice	Black	14.0	140	2.10 1/4
1 1/4 Miles	Naylight	C. Moller	14.1	153	2.25 1/4
1 1/2 Miles	Oolong	Needle	14.1	152	3.02
1 3/4 Miles	O-Lan	Needle	14.0	140	3.20 1/4
AUSTRALIAN PONIES		Jockey	Needle	Height	Weight Time
Half Mile	Moonlight	Noodt	14.2	140	-31 1/4
From 1 1/2 Mile Post	Distant View	Ph	14.3	152	1.01 1/4
Six Furlongs	Distant View	Ph	14.3	152	1.10 1/4
One Mile	Sapper	Davis	14.3	150	1.40 1/4
From Two Mile Post, once round and in	Happy Returns	Chao	14.2	140	2.02 1/4
1 Mile	Supper	Davis	14.3	152	2.17
1 1/2 Miles	United Express	Ip Kui-ying	14.3	152	2.40
1 3/4 Miles	Marsh Warbler	Black	14.3	152	3.25 1/4
2 Miles	Never-Never	Black	14.3	152	3.55 1/4

The victory of Viceroy (Mr. Black) in the Kara Kara Handicap

over six furlongs was clocked in 1.18 flat, but the time could not be officially recorded as the mare was running at 5 lb. under the weight for inches as per scale.

It will, however, be seen that her run was faster than Distant View's time by two-fifths of a second.

Fair Chance's success with Mr. Wei in the saddle in the Bendigo Handicap over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, was timed in 1.50 1/4 with 0 lb. under the scale and in the circumstance the run could not be accepted by the Stewards as the fastest.

Girls' League Basketball Fixtures

THE OPENING GAME of the Hongkong girls' open basketball league under the sponsorship of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., will be played to-morrow at the Kowloon Chinese "Y" court on Waterloo Road.

South China A.A.'s classy girl cagerettes tackle the Air Rald Precaution's quintette in the featured game at 4.30 p.m.

A preliminary men's game has been carded for 3.30 p.m. with the Chiu Sing hoopers from Swatow playing against Kowloon Y.M.C.A.'s smart aggregation.

Dr. C. T. Wang, who has donated a trophy for competition in the girls' loop, has been invited to toss up the opening ball at the centre of the floor.

Admission to these games will be 20 cents.

Cricket Match Cancelled

The two-day cricket match arranged between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Civil Service C.C. for this week-end has been cancelled.

Fanling Golf Starting Times SUNDAY

OLD COURSE	
0.16	C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward.
0.20	S. Tomlinson, I. P. Tamworth.
0.30	W. W. C. Sheehan, N. C. Littlejohn.
0.28	W. H. Belsey, C. F. Marshall.
0.32	J. L. MacIntyre, J. Linaker.
0.36	T. Menzies, A. McKelvie.
0.40	A. W. Bourne, D. S. Robb.
0.44	K. S. Robertson, A. M. Kennedy.
0.48	W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.
0.52	R. G. Redmond, H. E. Young.
0.56	H. M. Howland, P. E. Annis.
1.00	I. H. Geare, S. H. Dedwell.
1.04	F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves.
1.08	J. C. Robertson, A. M. Kennedy.
1.12	W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.
1.16	R. G. Redmond, H. E. Young.
1.20	J. A. Parrish, D. L. Prophet.
1.24	G. M. Park, S. L. Lloyd.
1.28	R. G. Redmond, H. E. Young.
1.32	J. C. Brown, D. S. Edward.
1.36	A. M. Mack, G. G. Attkinhead.
1.40	L. R. Andrews, H. E. Young.
1.44	Major Alley, J. G. Jensen.
1.48	Col. Macpherson, Major Meek.
NEW COURSE	
0.24	A. V. & Mrs. Graves.
0.28	Lieut. Carter, M. G. Carruthers.
0.12	Miss Wentworth, Mrs. Prophet.

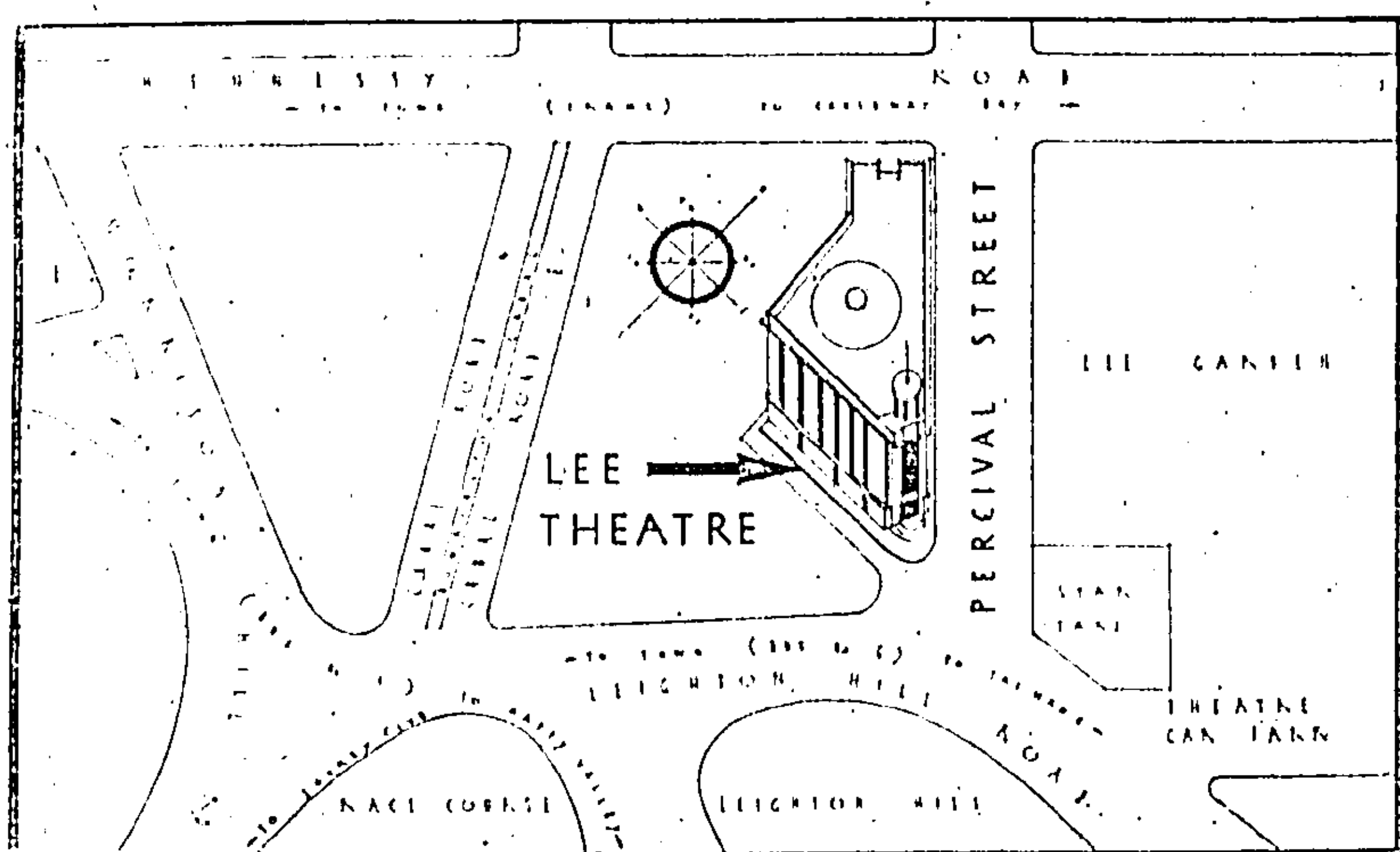
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This picture published in a Home Magazine recently is of special interest, as the group includes Mr. W. E. Peers, former Hongkong rugby Interporter. Mr. Peers, who has been reported missing by the Air Ministry is on the extreme right. He was identified in this picture by a relative in Hongkong.

British Trade Difficulties In China Caused by Japan

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Difficulties placed in the way of British firms wishing to sell imported goods direct to consumers in the occupied areas of China are still increasing, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons to-day at question time.

BASSO'S RECITAL

Mr Y. K. Sze Captivates Local Audience

IT IS, unfortunately, all too seldom that Hongkong is afforded the opportunity of listening to a singer of quality, but when the occasion arises the music loving public make avid response, and such was the response and welcome accorded Mr Y. K. Sze, basso, when, accompanied by Mr O'Neill Shaw at the piano, he gave a truly delightful recital at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

He spared neither himself nor his voice in his selection of songs. With admirable control he modulated his tones to meet with the acoustics of the comparatively small Rose Room, and, singing in six different languages, held his audience spell-bound.

The whole of the first half of his programme, which opened with Wagner's 'Wotan's Abschied' (Wotan's Farewell), was sung in German, while the second portion was sung in Chinese, Italian, French, English and Russian.

Well Received

The sacred tune of Schubert's Ave Maria, perhaps the most well-known of his pieces, was excellently sung and extremely well received. The timorous and sonorous notes rolled forth with all the beautiful solemnity the song commands, while in parts his voice attained an exquisitely pure quality.

His most difficult rendition was Mephisto's Song of the Flea, and it would, perhaps, have been an unfortunate item with which to have concluded such a grand recital, but his second encore was that favourite of all baritone—the Volga Boatman—and it is doubtful if any in Hongkong have ever heard it sung to better effect.

Mr O'Neill Shaw rendered piano solos—selecting his pieces from Debussy.

The programme was: Wotan's Abschied (Wagner); Ave Maria (Schubert); Der Wanderer (Schubert); Ich Grolle Nicht (Schumann); Die Beiden Grenadiere (Schumann); Requiem to me mother (Prof. Li Wei-nin); Meditation (Prof. Benjamin Ing); Meditation (Romantic) (Prof. Chao Yuen-chen); Qui Segno (Mozart); Nones (qui repozz (Meyerbeer); Il Lacerto Spiritio (Verdi) and Mephisto's Song of the Flea (Moussorgsky).—ATL.

He was not, however, in a position to say whether it was everywhere impossible to do so.

Mr Hamilton Kerr asked whether, as this was a gross violation of the Open Door Policy, representations had been made to the Japanese Government.

Mr Butler replied that these questions had frequently been taken up and that the whole matter was under further consideration.

Mr I. C. Hannah asked: "Are we working with America in this matter?"

Mr Butler replied: "We always work with America."

Occupation Army's Cost

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr Hamilton Kerr asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the cost of the Japanese Army in occupied China was largely met from revenue contributed by Japanese companies established under Army supervision, that all exports from occupied China have to leave via traffic routes over which Japanese companies have been granted a monopoly and whether he proposed to take action to stop the resulting heavy tax on British traders.

Mr Butler replied that he could only repeat that as he had informed the House on February 26, the system of trade and exchange established by the Japanese tended to favour Japanese interests. The resultant effect on British trade and the Government's constant attention.

Air Vice-Marshal Breese Killed

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Air Vice-Marshal Breese has been killed on active service as the result of a flying accident, states the Air Ministry.

Air Vice-Marshal Breese was appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 18 (Reconnaissance) Group in September, 1938, and was promoted Air Vice-Marshal in July last year.

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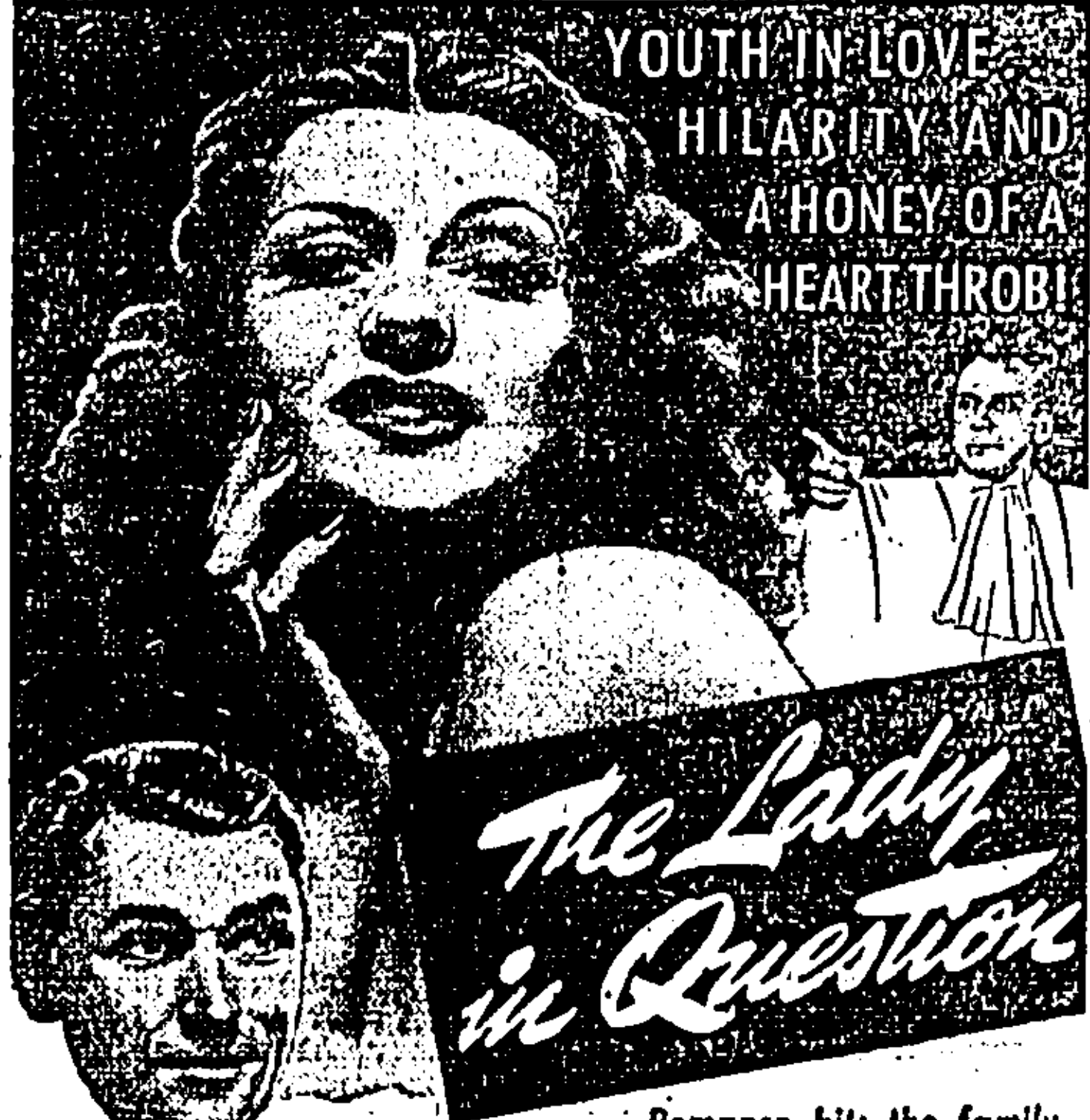
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WAR MINISTER'S REPORT

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been faced by German troops, but the weakness of the Italian opposition was not due primarily to weakened morale, for the Italian forces were well equipped, strongly entrenched and numerically superior, but to the brilliant use of supplies and manoeuvres by the British forces.

Successes in East Africa were: 17 days from the beginning of the attack, Mogadiscio 350 miles away had fallen, and within another 48 hours in carrying out that operation so successfully, we had captured more than 10,000 prisoners.

These operations were a prelude to greater struggles with our principal enemy.

British Supplies

Our situation in June, 1940, after Dunkirk, was unenviable. Fortunately part of our expeditionary forces' reserve equipment had been stored in Britain, and stores were got away from depots south of the Somme.

Furthermore, the equipment on route from America to France was diverted to Britain and the transformation effected in one month was perhaps unequalled in history.

The breathing space that we have had since Dunkirk has been turned to good effect. Most of the major formations are now comparatively well equipped and are able to form new divisions.

We have also been able to supply material aid to the Allies.

Gallant Greeks

In a warm tribute to the gallant Greek operations, which "again proved that fortune favours the brave," Captain Margesson said that the Greeks, by their triumphant advance over difficult country in the depths of winter, had shown their neighbours that the small country possessed dauntless courage.

The Free French forces have already given gallant service in Libya, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and elsewhere, and the Poles are only waiting for a chance to get at the enemy once again.

The position as regards equipment has greatly improved since last summer and gives some cause for confidence. Gaps still existing in some classes of equipment are closing weekly and with the aid of British and Dominion and Indian production and the growing American output, the time is not distant when we shall have an army fully equipped and fully trained.

Not Sitting Tight

We are not sitting tight inside our defences but are endeavouring daily to improve our system of static and mobile defence.

In the meantime the Home Guard is doing a fine job, notwithstanding some temporary shortage of equipment. As proof of the excellence of British material, Captain Margesson recalled the long-range desert patrols organised by General Wavell soon after Italy entered the war, exploring the Libyan desert.

U.S. Asks Italy To Close 2 Consulates

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which they exercise their official duties.

This is the burden of a note sent by the State Department to the Italian Ambassador.

Italian diplomats in Washington are excluded from the request, but the Embassy is asked to keep the State Department informed of any movements outside Washington of any naval or military personnel.

Unprecedented Action

Mr Cordell Hull's note does not explain why the United States has taken this action, which is believed to be unprecedented against a country with which the United States is at peace, but the note has an asperity which indicates resentment at the closing of the American Consulates in Palermo and Naples.

The State Department's closing order affects two of the most important Italian Consulates in the country. Both in Detroit and New York there are large Italian communities and Fascists are strong and active.

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RUSSIA BELIEVED TO BE MOVING OVER TO SIDE OF GT. BRITAIN

ANKARA, MAR. 6 (UP).—POLITICAL QUARTERS CONTINUE TO WATCH RUSSIA FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN VIEW OF THE MOSCOW RADIO TO-NIGHT HAVING REPEATED FOR THE THIRD TIME THE SOVIET DECLARATION REGARDING BULGARIA.

IT IS FELT HERE THAT THE DECLARATION MEANS THAT RUSSIA IS HEDGING TOWARD THE BRITISH SIDE WHILE AWAITING THE GERMAN SPRING OFFENSIVE TO GET UNDER WAY.

WAR MINISTER'S REPORT

Best Brains Test Defences

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Britain's Home Defences were recently mobilised and emerged successfully from exacting and realistic operations against a supposed invading force, which, for the purposes of the test, were given every conceivable advantage.

Some details of the test were disclosed for the first time by the War Minister, Captain David Margesson, speaking in the House of Commons on the Army estimates.

Captain Margesson said that the danger of invasion is very real, but every possibility open to the ingenuity of the enemy had been considered so far as we can read their minds. In a recent sham battle, lasting about a week, in which both civil organisations and military staffs participated, our most brilliant staff officers were allocated as part of the German General Staff in Britain.

The ingenuity of this improvised enemy staff resulted in a scale of attack far heavier than anything the Germans were likely to make. This enemy was allowed to inflict every conceivable preliminary disaster. There were many landings by sea and air, and the effect of continuous air bombardment on focal points was designed to cause a break in the arteries of communication.

Losses In Africa

Reviewing the past year, Captain Margesson foreshadowed an early publication of Lord Gort's dispatches of battles.

The British losses in the Middle East, including East Africa, from the end of November 1940 to February 11, 1941, totalled 1,774, of which 483 were killed. No doubt the task in Libya would have been sterner if we had been faced by German troops, but the weakness of the Italian opposition was not due primarily to weakened morale, for the Italian forces were well equipped, strongly entrenched and numerically superior, but to the brilliant use of supplies and manoeuvres by the British forces.

Successes in East Africa were 17 days from the beginning of the attack. Mogadiscio 350 miles away had fallen, and within another 48 hours in carrying out that operation so successfully, we had captured more than 10,000 prisoners.

British Supplies

Our situation in June, 1940, after Dunkirk, was unenviable. Fortunately part of our expeditionary forces' reserve equipment had been stored in Britain, and stores were got away from the depot south of the Somme.

Furthermore, the equipment en route from America to France was

Best informed circles state that Hitler's message to President Inonu contained four points, the most important of which was a statement of the German desire for closer diplomatic co-operation and a readiness to send a German statesman to Ankara, or alternatively of inviting high Turkish statesmen to Berlin.

The other points are, firstly, a denial that Germany threatens the Dardanelles; secondly, a promise that Germany has no aggressive intentions against Turkey; thirdly, a lengthy exposition of historical events after Versailles, accusing Britain of missing the small nations, especially Turkey.

The Turkish Parliament is reconvening next Monday and the Premier Dr Suidam is scheduled to speak on Wednesday Hitler's message. Many foreigners including Britishers and Jews in Istanbul have begun drawing their money from the banks.

Pressure on Turkey

ISTANBUL, Mar. 6 (Dome).—The German troops massed along the Bulgarian-Turkish border in Thrace are steadily increasing, exerting considerable pressure upon Turkey.

Jewish residents of British nationality in Istanbul are withdrawing their bank deposits. All military academies in Thrace have been ordered to remove to Ankara.

Depends on Turkey

BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—The newspaper "Magyarország" to-day said, "The whole Balkan situation to-night depends on Turkey, or rather on the advice, direct or indirect, which Moscow gives to Ankara."

The paper theorised that the Germans will make use of their forces in Bulgaria only to force the Greeks from Albania from where the main blow may be delivered.

Political Offensive

BERLIN, Mar. 6 (UP).—Germany continued her political offensive against south-eastern Europe with unabated energy to-day according to authorized German quarters, but queries regarding concrete facts are brushed off with the observation, "the time is not yet ripe to make statements."

These same quarters continued to be most optimistic over the outcome of the offensive pointing out, "The Turks are not excited—you can see that in their radio and the press," although they admitted the German troops are dangerously near the Dardanelles. This is considered to be a negative gain which very often aids a positive victory in other directions.

They also drew attention to the extremely friendly speech by the Yugo-Slav Trade Minister, M. An

British Ultimatum Presented To Yugo-Slavia Says Report

BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—The pro-Government newspaper "Magyarország" to-day published an unconfirmed report that Britain had presented an ultimatum to Yugo-Slavia.

Chinese Seamen Win London Court Appeal

War Bonus Issue

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The appeal of 21 Chinese seamen against convictions imposed in a London Police Court for disobeying a lawful command was heard in the Sessions appeals Committee to-day when the appeal of ten men, who had been sentenced to six months' hard labour, was allowed and the appeal of the other 11 men, who had been bound over for 12 months, was dismissed.

Single Nazi Planes Raid Britain

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—An enemy bomber was shot down into the English Channel by R.A.F. fighters this afternoon, states the Air Ministry.

The communiqué says that there has been considerable activity by single enemy aircraft during daylight to-day, bombs being dropped in East Anglia, Kent and at one point in the London area.

Casualties were small but there was damage to buildings in a town on the coast of East Anglia.

N. E. I. SHIPS Two Diverted To Pacific Route

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, March 5 (Dome).—The Information Bureau of the Netherlands East Indies Government reveals that for the purpose of relieving shipping difficulties from the N.E.I. to the United States, the J.C.T. Line has permission to divert two of its ships to the United States route.

Secondly, a preferential export system of important products is to be shipped to the United States to be effective from April 1.

Thirdly, N.E.I. Government agents in New York are attempting to charter various American and other foreign ships.

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Germans Take Full Command In Italy

Control Ports And Secret Police

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The German occupation of Italy is reported here to be more complete than the occupation of Bulgaria.

All Italian harbours are now said to be under German control and the Italian Secret Police is said to be directed by high Gestapo officials.

Consequently Italy is now regarded here as little more than a province of the Greater Reich.

There is good reason to believe that the German occupation of Italy is the cause of the United States asking Italy to close its Consulates at Detroit, (Michigan), Newark (N.J.), Rhode Island "for reasons of national policy" and to withdraw their personnel which will prevent their transference to Italian Consulates elsewhere in the United States.

The request follows the recent action of Italy asking the United States to close its Consulates in Naples and Palermo, a request attributed to the occupation of large sections of Italy, particularly Sicily, by German troops.

South China Landings Resisted

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Central News).—Confused fighting is reported to be raging at Tanshuiow and Kungyifow, cities on the opposite banks of the Tsinshok river, north of Toishan.

While the Japanese who entered Toishan are pushing northward, other Japanese troops based at Sunwei are driving westward along the Sunning Railway. The latter were intercepted by the Chinese at Ngauwan and Szetsien, points east of Tanshuiow, suffering considerable losses.

With their drive blunted the Japanese called in reinforcements from Kowloon and with superior fire they advanced to Tanshuiow and Kungyifow, where they are meeting with stubborn Chinese resistance.

The Japanese troops at Yung-kong, about 110 miles north-east of Kwangchowwan, have been increased to more than 1,000 men. Fighting is going on in the outskirts. The Japanese invading Shantung have also been increased to more than 1,000. Some of them are pushing westward, encountering Chinese resistance.

Naval Barrage

It is reported that the Japanese who landed at Hohong (Lulchow) on the Lulchow Peninsula, about 30 miles south-west of Kwangchowwan, under a naval barrage on March 3 lost many men when they were engaged by Chinese regular troops and local defence units. The Japanese at Hohong have been increased to over 2,000 men and clashes continue around the city.

Report Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 6 (UP).—Responsible Italian quarters to-day categorically denied that Prince Paul is negotiating for peace between Greece and Italy as reported from Belgrade.

Italians Lose 150,000 Men In Albania

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Mar. 6 (UP).—The official spokesman stated to-day that estimates given by Italian prisoners, officers and doctors, indicate that the Italians, since the start of the war, have lost 50 per cent. of their entire fighting strength in the Albanian fighting.

He added, "If this is true, the Italians have lost over 120,000 men including prisoners."

He asserted that despite a heavy snow storm, the Greek troops to-day successfully carried out a local operation. Accurate Greek fire destroyed the Italian attacking tanks after which no other Italian tanks showed up.

And 10,000 In Somaliland

CARRO, Mar. 6 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communiqué

states that the total Italian prisoners taken in Somaliland exceed 10,000.

It added, "In Somaliland our troops occupied Ferfer and the advance is continuing. In all other theatres of operations our troops are progressing satisfactorily."

It said that mechanized forces in Libya had "again driven off" detachments of enemy armoured fighting vehicles west of Agella, and recalled that it was in this same area that

Germans Still Trying To Coerce Greece

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—A report from Athens via Belgrade states that the Greek Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Alexander Korizis to-day received the German Minister for a lengthy conversation.

The correspondent at Athens said that it was not known whether or not mediation was offered but it is expected in Belgrade that there will be further German steps in Athens soon, and that the Greeks might succumb to German pressure. However, they are still holding out against withdrawing from Albania, and therefore the talks might be long drawn out.

Seeks Danish Vessels

New Move By Maritime Commission

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—It is understood that the Maritime Commission has informed leaders of Congress that it desires authority to take over on a charter basis, 30 ships which have been moored here since the German occupation of Denmark.

For several weeks, negotiations between private American operators and the Danish owners have been broken off because the underwriters have refused to insure the vessels or prospective cargoes; hence, the Maritime Commission seeks authority to charter the vessels for the Government's merchant marine, insuring them through the Government's insurance fund for which it needs Congressional authority.

Special Session

BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—The official news agency at Belgrade had reports that a special session of the Cabinet was attended by all three regents and the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Cincar-Markovic.

Greeks Deny Report

BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Greek radio to-night announced a denial of the "Rumanian report of a Greek Cabinet crisis allegedly due to certain elements who desired to shun their obligations to Britain and make a separate peace."

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LATEST

RAPE CASE VERDICT

The jury retired at 1 p.m. and returned at 2.45 p.m. with a verdict of guilty voted by six to one. The Foreman said they wished to recommend leniency as they thought Accused was to a certain extent, led on by the Prosecution.

His Lordship asked Col Rudolf what effect a conviction would have on Accused's career and on being told that time would have to be taken to give a reply, His Lordship announced that he would postpone sentence until the next Sessions, Accused being remanded in the meantime in civil custody.

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W. H. EVANS THOMAS.

Britain.—has issued a warning to loyal Dutch not to be caught by Gestapo tricks and to-day's issue of "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, disclosed the sort of trap the Gestapo recently—and it is believed very successfully—laid.

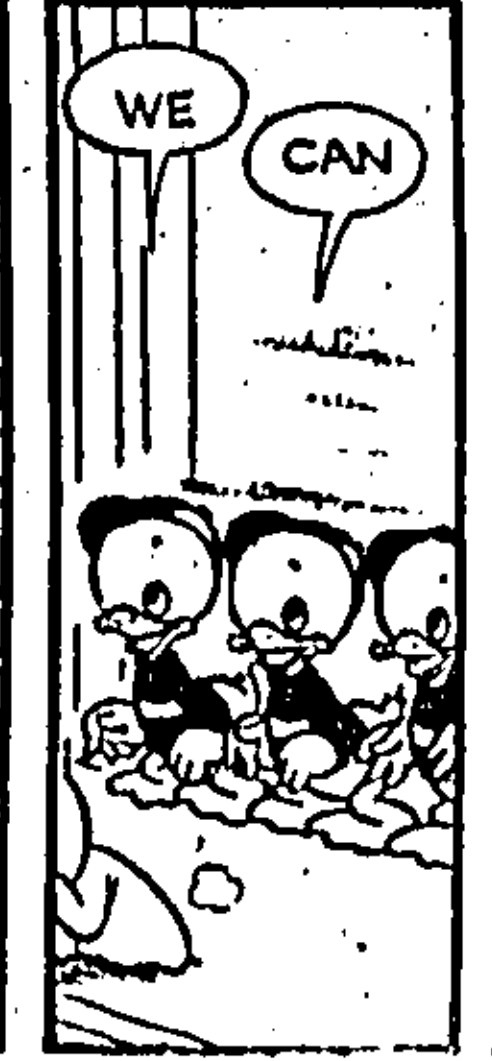
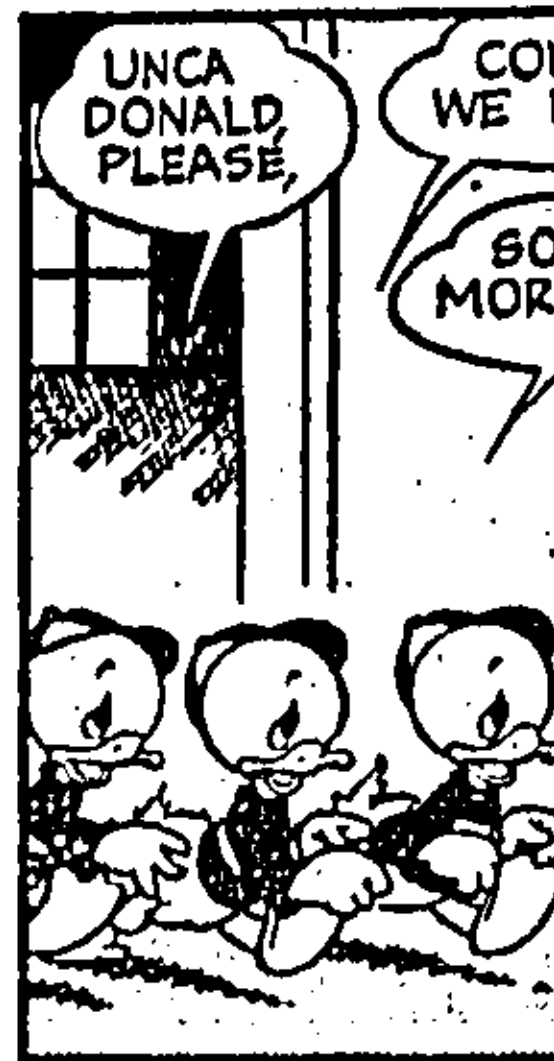
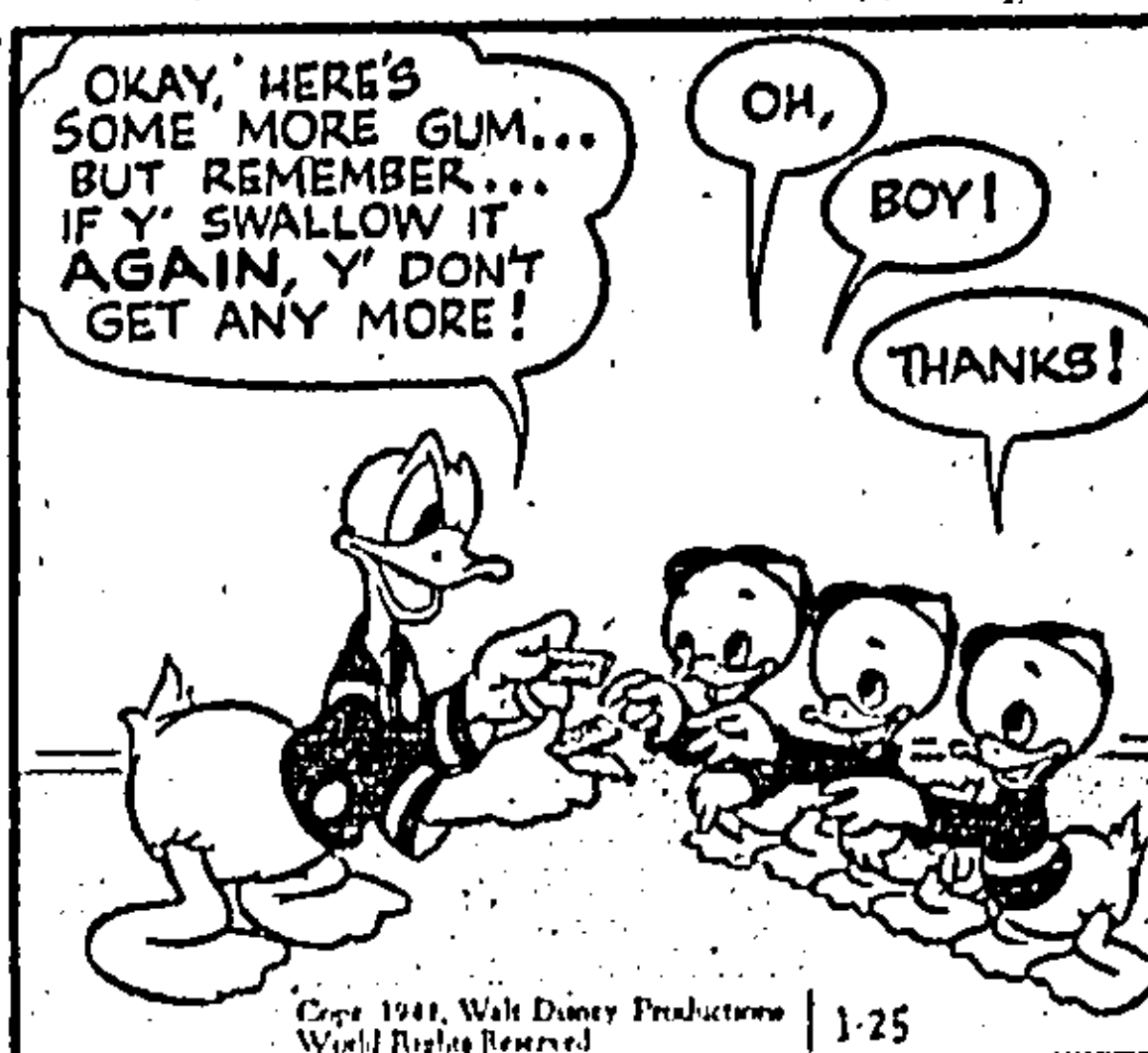
Sixteen Hollanders have been condemned to death by a military court at The Hague, say a dispatch to the German news agency. The remainder of the 43 accused, the message adds, were sent to prison or fined, except six who were acquitted. The men were charged with sabotage, espionage and plotting to assassinate German soldiers by the use of poisoned pencils, drawing pins and drinks. The accused are alleged to belong to a secret society whose aim was to make the life of the German occupation troops as difficult as possible.

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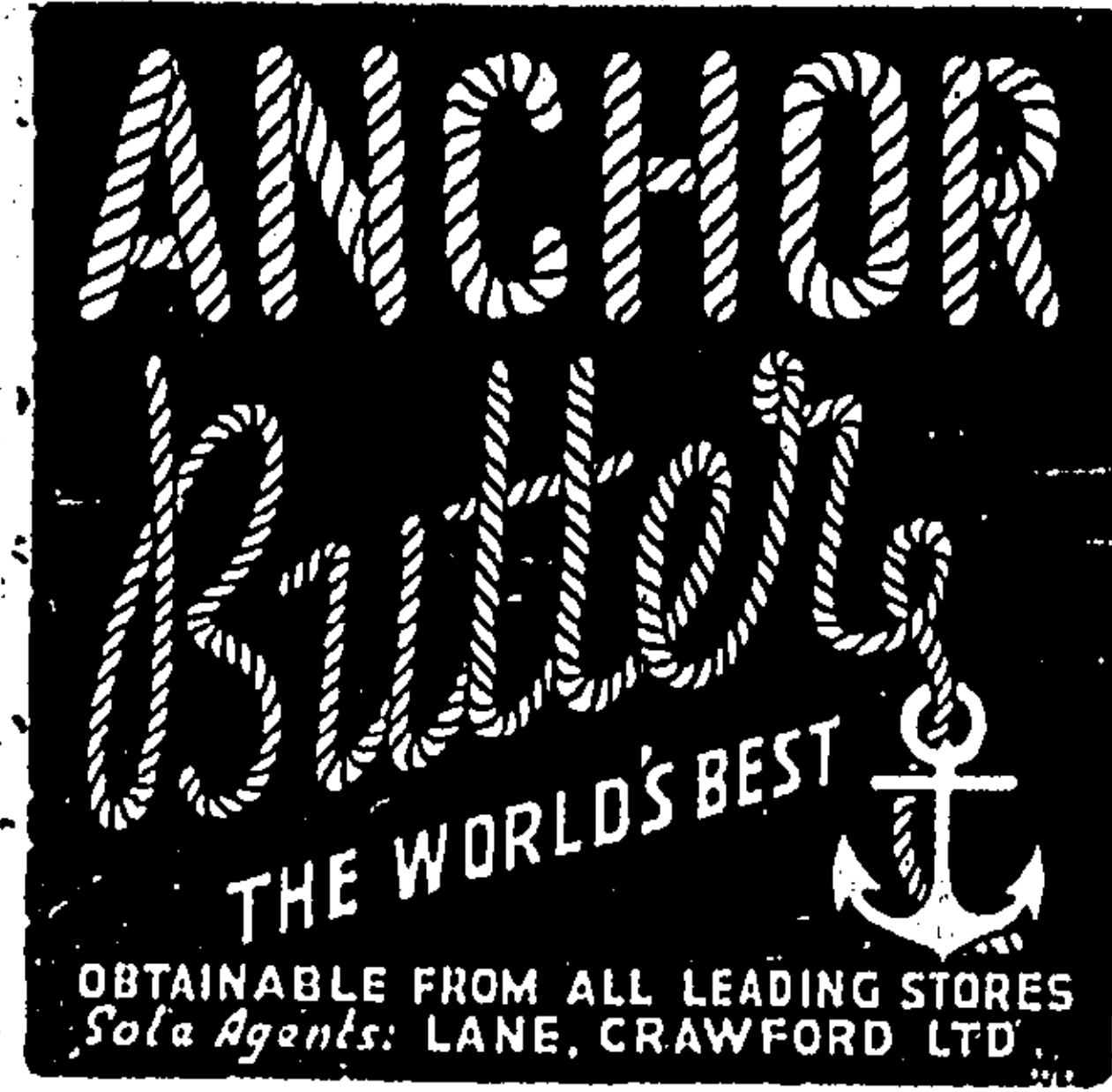
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- Enumerated
- Send out rays
- On the way
- Standing out of water
- Impersonal pronoun
- Make indistinct
- Great of burden
- Heidi
- Youth
- Chase
- Thumping noise
- Kind of steel-making
- Barley
- Partly; partly
- Jewish month corresponding to April
- Controller of plans
- Others of like ideas
- Majestic
- Letter of alphabet
- Roast's bone
- Members of tribe of Ironlake Indians
- Attachment for walking on ice
- Stuffed
- Road material
- Quitted with rating
- Declined vehemently
- Refused
- Narrow opening
- Buttle denoting possession of quality
- Heath of flowers
- County in Idaho
- Twenty-two seraphs
- Musical air

DOWN

- Top of room
- Great lake
- Childhood city
- Rounded protuberance
- Government in Russia
- Musical study
- Drawn from source
- Entrance again
- Erase
- Anger
- Manifold
- Father of Ajax
- Descendant of Zoroaster
- Throw down slowly
- Perfect score
- Belongs (obsolete)
- Beginning to develop
- Conscious (slang)
- Female relative
- Pondered with close application
- Size of coat
- Timed stanza
- Directed object
- Blackball team
- Depositing in warehouse
- Marker
- Italian seaport
- First to scense
- Flourish
- Round and
- Trace of decay
- Trap
- Bread antile
- Let fall
- Chopping tool
- Trilled vowel of Greek alphabet
- Toward
- First person plural

An Absorbing Tale of a Torch Singer, A Piano Thumper and a Gangster Boss

LOUIS BROMFIELD'S "IT ALL CAME TRUE"

A Warner Bros. picture coming to Hongkong next week. The cast includes ANN SHERIDAN as Sal; JEFFREY LYNN as Tommy; HUMPHREY BOGART as Mr. Grasselli; SAZU PITTS as Miss Flint; JESSIE BUSLEY as Mrs. Taylor and UNA O'CONNER as Maggie Ryan.

Serialized by HARRY LEE.

CHAPTER I

THAT particular four-storey brownstone house in the shabby West Sixties was in no way different from a dozen other houses in the block, except that about it seemed to hover the ghost of its past gentility. Its high stoop reared itself in outmoded pride, in spite of the fact that beside the heavy entrance door a faded sign announced to anyone who, in the rushing, noisy traffic of the New York of 1939, cared to read: "Board and Lodging—Transient and Permanent."

Beyond the door was a world where time stood still—a refuge for those who lagged behind in the march of the years and now found solace in turkey red carpets, high ceilings, tunnel-like drawing rooms and primed chandeliers. Above the marble mantel hung a vast painting of the withered old lady who for so many years had been mistress of the house—Miss Minnie.

Miss Minnie had left the house and everything in it to heavy-footed, fierce, funny Maggie Ryan, who had served her—long and well as cook—and to the weepily romantic Nora Taylor, who had been her maid. Miss Minnie had willed them her four permanent boarders, too, and neither had the heart to put them out, as practical people told them, she should.

There was gentle Mr. Van Diver, who had been engaged to the mistress thirty years, waiting for her father's consent to marry, and for ten years after. Mr. Van Diver's mind was failing, and he sometimes asked for Miss Minnie, forgetting she was numbered among the dead. Could they turn him out?

There was Rene Salmon of the flowing black tie, once a Greenwich Village poet, who still, even

with his paunch and baggy eyes, could mouth lines in a way to make Maggie Ryan goggle-eyed, and dissolve Nora Taylor in tears, the good souls. And the Great Boldini, who'd been a magician, and his trick, poodle, Fanto. And in the skylight room little Miss Flint, the seamstress, who dyed her sparse hair a flaming red, and was forever telling of being "followed" by men.

Taxes might be overdue and bills unpaid but Nora never tired of telling Maggie that the world and the people in it were incurably good and that all the two of them had dreamed for their children would one day come true.

She insisted that her boy Tommy, whom she had not seen for five years, would marry Maggie's Sarah Jane yet, and be rich as all get out. And why not, for hadn't they been raised like—well, Maggie's Sarah Jane—she called her Sal at the night clubs where she sang her torch songs—was a honest provocative girl, who was the joy, and the despair, of her mother.

The permanent boarders, enjoying a quiet game of rummy one evening, under Miss Minnie's imposing portrait—were thrown into confusion by the sudden pummeling of the front door and loud cries of "Let me in!" Fanto the poodle began to bark shrilly, and Mrs. Taylor, opening the door warily, was shocked to see a little man sprawling on the floor and shielding his face with his hands, while Sarah Jane, revolver in hand, proceeded to deliver kicks with extreme violence. "Take that, and that, and that, and that!" she shouted. "You filthy brute... I You salting-doggered son-of-a-bitch!"

Mrs. Taylor jammed her fingers into her ears.

After a final vicious kick which sent the little man rolling down the steps of the stoop into the street, Sarah Jane slammed the door on him and breezed in triumphantly. "The dirty terminator," she panted, "followed me all the way home in a taxi after I called his bluff! And with a gat,

too! Can you imagine! He was going to make me into a torch singer. He took me into his studio, and after about five minutes I said Yeah, well, I never heard this called an audition before! The dirty little blackhead! Followed me all the way home in a taxicab. With a gat, too—here she paused for breath, and tossed a gun on the table to the combined horror of her audience—as if I didn't know how to manage a monkey with a gat!

"Said he was going to discover me! Me! Boy, I've been discovered so many times they call me Miss America! Where's Ma? Up stairs? Well—see you later, kids! Go on with your game!"

She patted the poet's bald pate as she passed.

"Just like a breath," Mr. Van Diver sighed, "of spring!"

MAGGIE RYAN was in her room soaking her tired feet and having a bit of a cook at the evening paper for herself when her daughter burst in like a cyclone, embraced her so vigorously that she sent the news flying, and shouted, as she kissed her, "Hello, Ma! I'm home!"

"I thought it must be you Sarah Jane! A fine way to come home—jolting all the neighbours out of their beds!"

"They'd have been a darn sight more jolted," laughed Sarah Jane. "If I'd lost my argument with the gent, and his gat, on the front stoop!"

"Sure, I'd ought to shut you up with the Sisters for a while, so I ought! Your poor father must be rotting in his grave!"

"It is, if he's still acting the way I remember!"

"Shut up! Sometimes I'm almost glad that poor Miss Minnie, God rest her soul, is dead, so I am! At least it saves me the shame of having her know that me own girl's grooved up on me to be a hussy!"

"I'm not, I'm a good girl," Sarah Jane protested laughingly.

"Don't tell me that. A good girl doesn't talk the way you do, or dress the way you do," her mother rejoined.

Sarah Jane paced restlessly about the room, her vivid beauty lighting up the dingy interior. "Now listen, Ma," she protested, "I act the way I please, but technically I'm still a good girl!"

"Well, then, what happened with your job in Atlantic City?" Maggie demanded.

"Oh, I had an argument with a bubble dancer about who had the better legs. I threw her down two flights of stairs," Sarah Jane answered matter-of-factly.

Maggie sighed. "When that Mr. Grasselli set about glorifying you, I had hopes you was made."

"So," said Sarah Jane, "did Mr. Grasselli?"

"Ma... can you lend me twenty bucks?"

"No! But what are you going to do, now you're home?"

"Right now I'm going down to the local police station to get a beer! She started out but suddenly turned back, her blue eyes dim. "Ma, she said softly, 'please be glad to have me home,' and was gone before her mother had time to answer."

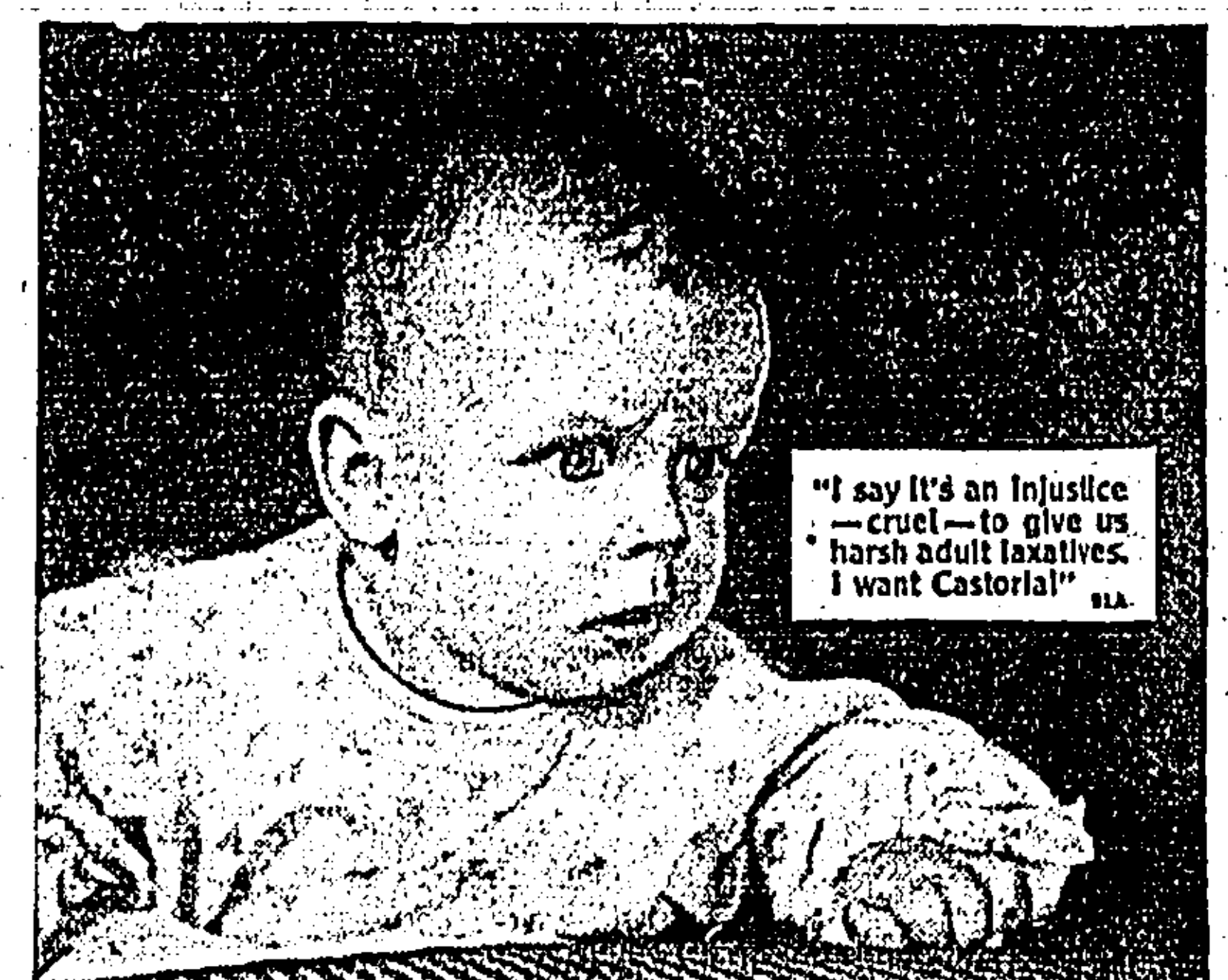
"Why is it, Nora?" sighed Maggie the next day, "that the minute you, Sarah Jane, sets foot in this house, everybody in it goes cock-eyed?"

"Ah, Sarah Jane is the good girl at heart," Maggie—At least you've got her home with you! Sleeping in the house where you can talk to her and wait on her—nurse! Suddenly she choked with tears and fumbled for her handkerchief.

"Now, Nora darlin', don't be worrying about Tommy! He'll come home!"

"But five years, Maggie—five years without a word! If only Miss Minnie hadn't given him the money to learn to play the piano and go to college, he'd have made a fine butler, with his father's looks and his gentlemanly air!"

"Education ain't done Sarah Jane no good."

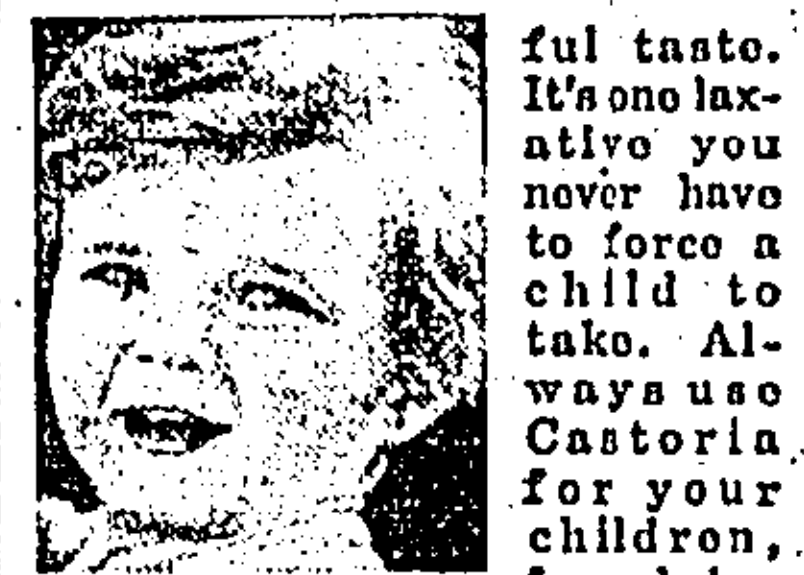


WHAT A MOTHER SHOULD KNOW... ABOUT HER BABY

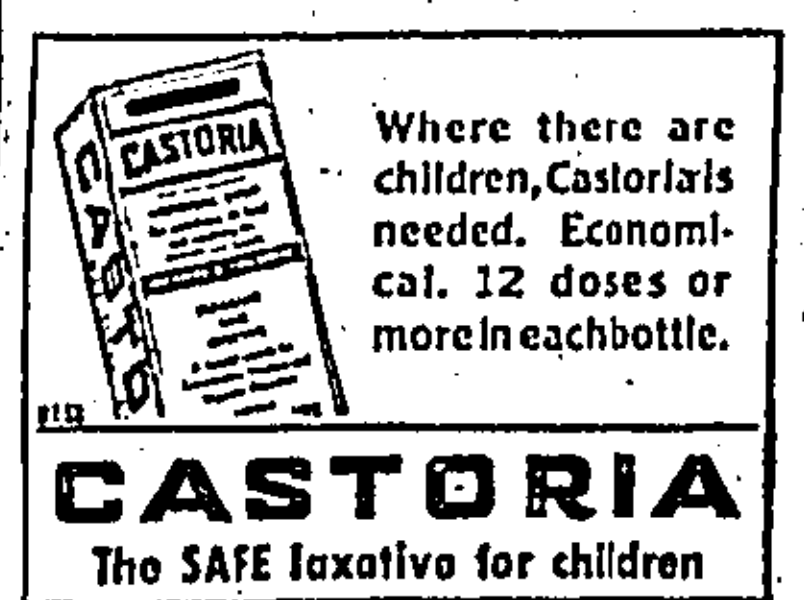
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Their Majesties Mingle With People In Rosyth

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Watched by a crowd of officers and men from warships, the King to-day held a little ceremony in a dockyard, decorating three Norwegian sailors with the British Distinguished Service Medal and also decorating eight seamen, petty officers and marines of the British Navy.

With Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief at Rosyth, the King boarded two warships and other warcraft which chase U-boats and sweep mines.

Belgian and Norwegian naval ratings mingled with British sailors and cheered him as he walked from the jetty.

The King also visited the Fleet Air Arm and earlier at Edinburgh the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland, where 100 people were enjoying a lunch of soup, roast beef, vegetables and sweets at a cost of 11d.

The Queen christened a catapult for a warship and in a factory the King and Queen had a long talk about "Trade Unionism" with three shop stewards.

First Japanese Envoy To Argentine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOKYO, March 6 (Dorel).—Baron Shu Tomii, first Japanese Ambassador to Argentina, Mr. Hidenari Teramaki, former Second Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Peking, who has been transferred to Washington, Mr. Nagao Kito, former Consul-General at Canton, who has been transferred to Honolulu, and Mr. Fumio Mitsuoka, former official of the American Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office, who has been appointed Second Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Madrid, sailed for their posts via the United States aboard the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru this afternoon.

Clark Kerr Mission

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Central News).—It is believed that Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, arrived in Shanghai to supervise the evacuation of the British and make necessary arrangements to cope with the present Far Eastern situation, says a Shanghai dispatch.

Italian Ship Sunk

ATHENS, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—A Greek submarine has sunk an Italian supply ship in the Adriatic, according to a Greek communiqué.

Chiang And The Communists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (UP).—An unimpeachable source states that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has approved of the Peoples Political Council's undertaking of arbitration in the Communist embargo under the terms previously mentioned.

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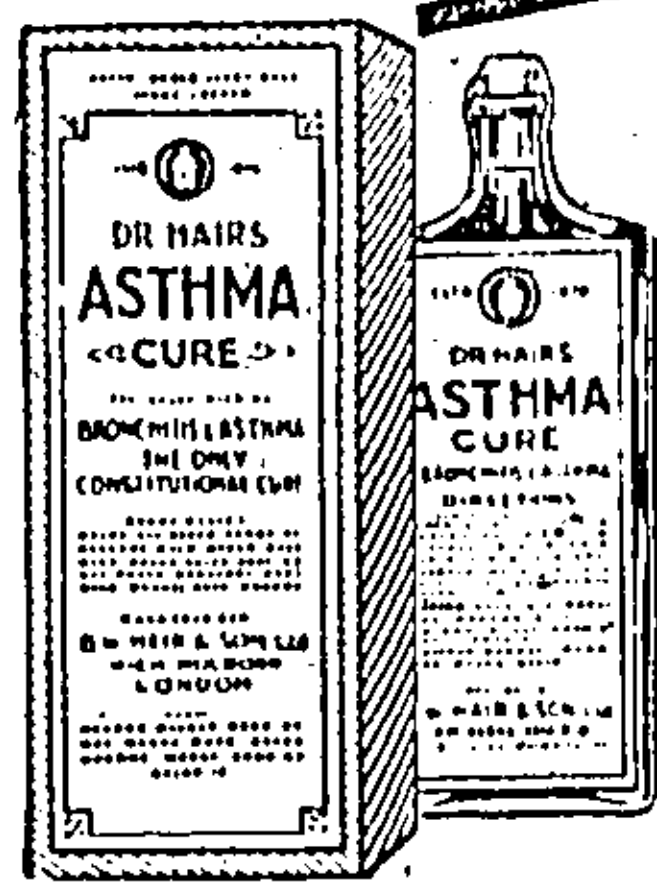
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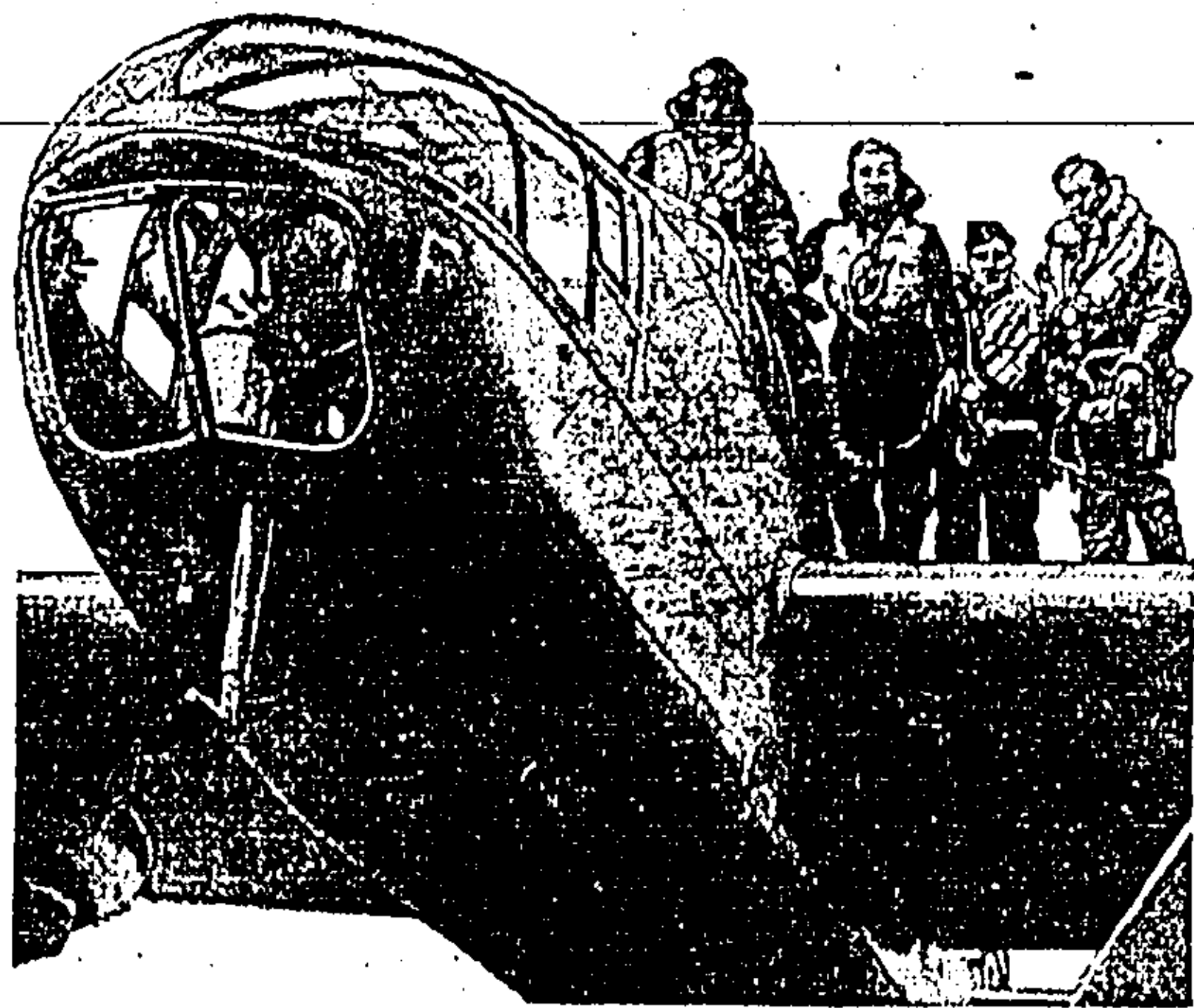
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GERMAN STRENGTH

ONE of the most invidious lies which has been foisted on the world is that of German invincibility. That this lie has tended to paralyse self-defensive measures by the smaller countries is shown by the unhappy way in which nation after nation has succumbed to German threats, whereas unified action could long ago have broken this legend of super-strength.

The tradition of invincibility has been carefully built up since the last war. In fact, the defeat of the German Army in the field in 1918 has always been denied by the German authorities, for the purpose not only of reinstating the German people in their own estimation as super-men, but also to persuade other nations that Germany is unconquerable and predestined to rule the world. This claim of invincibility has not been substantiated, and investigation of the facts goes to prove the contrary.

The Germans not only suffered a series of heavy reverses in the last war during the final "Battle of the Hundred Days," but a quarter of the German army was captured—the official figure for 63 days during the last months of the war was 140,476 prisoners—not to mention quantities of guns and material. They were forced to sue for peace in order to avoid complete collapse. As General Mordacq stated when writing an account of those days and of the revolution which followed the German defeat: "... this dagger thrust was no longer necessary, because the Allies had already administered it and that straight to the heart."

Numerous other instances are recorded in which German officers and statesmen acknowledged defeat, but almost invariably these frank confessions were made immediately or soon after the termination of hostilities before the doctrine of invincibility had again been built up. This point might be considered irrelevant to-day, were it not for the fact that owing to the negligence of the Allies to deny this untruth and to give the world the actual facts, the Germans were able to build up a tradition of invincibility and race superiority which

RIDDLES OF 1941

—Fifth Article—

By W. N. EWER

WHAT has this year in store for Europe's remaining neutrals—for Spain and Portugal, for Sweden, for Switzerland, for the anxious countries of the South-East?

Will Hitler try in 1941 to overrun them, as he did so many of their fellows in 1940? Sooner or later he must subdue them if he is to achieve the purpose for which he went to war in 1939.

That purpose was the setting up of the "new order," the reorganisation of all Europe under German control.

Of all Europe. This new order is totalitarian. It wants all. Nor indeed could there be for long a Continent half-free and half-Nazi ruled.

Were the Germans to win, these still independent fragments of Europe would vanish overnight: they would be forced into the system: they would, in Nazi jargon, be "gleichgeschaltet."

For beyond doubt this idea of organising the whole of Europe under his own leadership is Hitler's passionate preoccupation. It is the next step to that final goal which Dr Frank, the Nazi Governor of Poland, declared the other day:

"To master the world as Germans. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world."

For that he has first to make himself leader of all Europe. But that is no easy job.

Last summer he thought it was practically done. His armies had swept from the Vistula to the Pyrenees, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, two-thirds of France were in his hands.

Last Summer...

Italy was an obedient ally: Vichy France was to be made so by Laval. Spain out of mingled fear and gratitude would take her allotted place. The Balkans could be overrun with ease. Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal must come to heel.

It all looked so splendidly simple and so nearly finished. But here is 1941; and the job is still to be done. Not only does quite a lot of Europe remain ungrasped, but even in the occupied countries the work of organisation goes ill.

Just what are the Nazis out to achieve in these countries they have already conquered and in those they hope to conquer?

Judging by performance, they have not one policy but three. One for the East, for the Slavonic peoples; one for the "Nordics" of Scandinavia and the Low Countries; one for the "Latins" of the West and South.

Slavs—Slaves

In this new Europe the fate of the Slavs is quite simple. It is largely responsible for their fanatical desire to make themselves rulers of the western world to-day.

Japan's statesmen appear to have swallowed this theory whole-heartedly and are rattling the sword vigorously as a result; but saner thought must sense that there is a "nigger in the wood-pile" and that by immolating the country on the altar to Nazism, the prosperity, security and progress of Japan are being gravely endangered.

They are to be slaves. That is clear enough from the policy followed in German-occupied Poland.

The Poles are treated in every way as an inferior people, a race of helots, whose mission is to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for their masters the Germans. Edict after edict makes that plain.

The Pole is ousted from the land to make room for German settlers. He can work for them, or go on gang labour into the Reich.

But he must wear a distinctive badge. He draws a lower wage and a lower ration than the German. He must not mix socially with the conquerors; German farmers have been severely punished for letting their Polish workers feed with them.

It is decreed that as quickly as possible all Polish skilled workers shall be replaced by Germans and degraded to unskilled jobs.

Executive posts—from manager to foreman—professional occupations, mercantile occupations, are all to be reserved for the master-race. The Pole is to be denied all but the rudiments of education.

That is the new order in the East. It is different in the North and West. Here Nazi theory, squaring with ordinary German prejudice, regards Danes and Norwegians and Dutch and Flemings as of Germanic stocks, as near-Germans.

Hitler's policy therefore was, and still is, not to make them into slaves, but to make them into Germans and into Nazis.

Persuasion

If these peoples would drop their "antiquated" notions about national and personal freedom, if they would adopt Nazi ideas, if they would accept Hitler as supreme overlord of all the Germanic peoples, then they would be treated as race-brothers, as equal partners, as members of the Greater German Reich.

Hence it came about that in these countries German policy has been less brutal than in the East. Necessity and greed have driven the Germans to plunder. But apart from that the policy has been one of steady effort to persuade the conquered to co-operate with the conquerors.

Hence Quisling in Norway and Mussert in Holland. Hence the Danish Government—allowed to carry on, with a Social Democrat as Prime Minister, provided that it is respectful and gives no trouble.

Nazidom, which wants to enslave the Slavs, wants to absorb the "Nordics."

For the South, for France, for Italy, for Spain, for Portugal, there is still another plan. These "Latins" are, of course,

inferior, very inferior, to Teutons; but at the same time not so inferior that they can be turned like Slavs into serfs under German task masters.

They cannot be absorbed; they cannot be enslaved. So Hitler proposes for them a different status. They must acknowledge his overlordship and the predominance of the Reich in Europe.

They must accept his guidance in their foreign relations; their armed forces must be at his disposal as supreme European war-lord. Their economic systems must conform with Germany's economic needs. Their political systems must be totalitarian, and supervised by the Gestapo.

But if they accept that, then they can run their own affairs in their own way, with some measure of independence. They can be second-class members of the new European order, subordinate to Germany, but neither absorbed nor directly ruled by her.

Hands Full

This is the "collaboration" which Hitler has already forced upon Mussolini, which he is trying to force upon Petain, which he would like to force upon Franco.

It all looks as simple as a blue-print. It is all proving so terribly difficult in practice. Establishing the "new order" is for Hitler now not so much a plan as a brain-racking puzzle.

The plan was that the European peoples should co-operate with the Germans either as slaves or as partners or as Allies. The puzzle is how to make them do it. For (apart from tiny "Quisling" groups here and there) they just decline to do anything of the kind.

Poles and Czechs resist stubbornly and steadily. Day after day the newspapers of the invader report executions, imprisonments, deportations. The news is meant to intimidate. But it tells that resistance goes on.

In the West the Dutch and the Belgians, the Danes and the Norwegians carry on the same quiet struggle.

The German authorities are worried and baffled. These countries which were so easy to swallow are proving so unexpectedly hard to digest.

And now occupied France, recovering from the first shock, begins to present still further problems for the "occupying Power." The Gestapo has its work cut out for it from Warsaw to Bordeaux.

That, I think, is one reason why the Germans still delay to push their conquests farther. They have enough on their hands already.

They do not relish the prospect of having to subdue a tough



Sweden, a tough Switzerland as well; of marching into a Spain which may be "Fascist," but which would certainly resent, and probably resist, invasion. Even the much-talked-of occupation of "Vichy France" is no tempting job.

In war one never knows. Strategic needs change and compel new actions. An Italian collapse might force Hitler to push his own armies to the Mediterranean.

But failing some over-riding need, I think that these neutrals of Europe can count on reprieve.

He may be forced to go to Marseilles and Toulon, whatever the consequences. He may be forced into the dangerous venture of an invasion of the Balkans.

Beyond question, he would rather avoid doing either. Each would mean new effort, new liability, new expenditure of man-power and of resources he wants to conserve.

To invade Vichy France would be to risk the rallying of all the French Empire to the side of the Allies. To invade the Balkans would be to strain near-breaking-point his friendship with Soviet Russia.

Hitler's Policy

He would vastly prefer, if it can be done, to avoid the use of force, to achieve his purpose by a mixture of threats, cajolery and internal intrigue.

That is his French policy at the moment. It is also his Balkan policy. It has already been successful in Hungary and in Rumania.

Now he tries it on Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. But in changed circumstances. Hungary and Rumania joined the New Order before the days of the Greek resistance, before the days of the North African campaign.

Jugoslavia and Bulgaria are being stiffer than their northern neighbours. The pressure on them will doubtless increase. Can they still resist successfully?

Suppose they stand up to diplomatic and economic pressure. Will Hitler order his armies to march on Belgrade and Sofia?

Given everything, I doubt it. He will certainly hesitate. He has already hesitated.

It may be that the strategic situation will so change that he cannot help himself; that the need for a new advance will become irresistible.

It All Depends...

The neutrals owe much to the steady courage of millions of unknown men and women in the occupied lands, who have already taught the Germans that to break an army is not to conquer a people.

As to their final fate—well that, like so much else in the world to-day, depends upon war. Their freedom depends upon our victory; and, even when fear or caution compels them to speak otherwise, they know that very well.

[Editor's Note:—Mr Ewer's article was written early last month. Bulgaria has since fallen to Axis pressure, and German troops have overrun the country. German demands that Yugoslavia should adhere to the Axis are also reported to have been made.]

TO-MORROW

WHAT ARE STALIN'S PLANS?

By Professor Harold Laski

GERMAN TROOPS REACH TURKISH BORDER: R.A.F. ACTION IS EXPECTED

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, MAR. 6 (UP).—GERMAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED POSITIONS ALONG THE ENTIRE TURCO-BULGARIAN FRONTIER BUT THE CONCENTRATIONS, SO FAR, ARE REPORTED TO BE COMPARATIVELY LIGHT.

MEANWHILE, TURKISH POLITICAL CIRCLES WELCOMED THE BRITISH RUPTURE WITH BULGARIA AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT BRITAIN WILL SOON LAUNCH BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST THE RUMANIAN OIL FIELDS AND GERMAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

BORIS TALKS WITH NAZI CHIEFS

SOFIA, Mar. 6 (UP).—Germany's "invasion specialists"—leaders of the armed forces which swept through Poland, Norway, Rumania and Bulgaria—Marshal List and General Falkenhorst, in the presence of the German Minister Herr Richtofen and high Bulgarian officers were given an audience by King Boris to-day.

BULGARIA WILL YET REGRET

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—"Bulgaria will live to regret her decision."

Cheers greeted this statement by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when in the House of Commons he was asked for particulars respecting the withdrawal of the British Minister from Sofia.

Mr Butler said that the reasons for the withdrawal given in the note presented to the Bulgarian Government were briefly that the presence of an ever-increasing force of German troops on Bulgarian territory, the object of which could only be to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's Ally Greece, and the active co-operation of the Bulgarian Government in the German occupation were incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria.

"His Majesty's Government have no doubt that Bulgaria will live to regret her decision," Mr Butler added.

The Speaker intervened and intimated that the matter did not arise when Mr Butler was asked to particularise on the attitude of Soviet Russia towards the invasion of Bulgaria.

Soviet Delights Turks

ISTANBUL, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction regarding what they term the Soviet's blunt expression of disapproval over Germany's occupation of Bulgaria is expressed by all the leading newspapers. "Tan" declares: "The Soviets have administered an icy shower both on the Germans and the Bulgarians."

"Jikdam" says: "The Soviet Union, in an unusually hardened tone, shows great irritation over the presence of German troops in a region considered the Russian security zone and only 70 miles from the region of the Dardanelles."

Mass Movement

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The march of German troops into Bulgaria is now assuming the proportions of a mass movement towards the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, stated the Ankara radio to-night.

All means of conveyance, including trains, lorries and buses, are being utilised.

The announcer suggested that Germany was out to fight Britain wherever she found it possible to do so and was "doubtless seeking the weakest point in the British chain of defence."

It was added that Mr George W. Rendel, the British Minister to Bulgaria, would not be leaving Sofia for another two or three days.

Communications Cut Off

SOFIA, Mar. 6 (UP).—The German troops continued their rapid advance across Bulgaria and the entire country throughout the day continued to be virtually cut off from communications from abroad. Practically all the telephones have been severed for nearly 24 hours and the quickest cables from the United States arrive in about 36 hours.

U.S. Asks Italian Govt To Close Down Two Consulates

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The State Department to-day asked the Italian Government to close its Consulates at Detroit, Mich., and Newark, N.J., "for reasons of national policy."

Mr Hull's Request

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, to-day disclosed that he had sent a note to Italy requesting her to restrict the movements of all her Consular officers in the United States.

The tone of the note indicated that it was in retaliation for Italy's restriction of movements of United States officials as well as the closing of two Consulates at Naples and Palermo.

The note requested that Italian officials outside Washington confine their movements to the area of their jurisdiction. Although it did not apply to the accredited diplomats at the Italian Embassy, it requested them to keep the State Department informed of their movements outside of Washington, especially the naval and military personnel.

America's Sharp Note

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The movements of Italian Consulate officials throughout the United States are to be restricted to the areas in which they exercise their official duties.

This is the burden of a note sent by the State Department to the Italian Ambassador.

Italian diplomats in Washington are excluded from the request, but the State Department's closing order affects two of the most important Italian Consulates in the country. Both in Detroit and Newark there are large Italian communities and Fascists are strong and active.

LETTERS

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The Editor,

Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir, I read with great interest the speeches made before the Finance Committee and published in your paper. My work takes me into the highways and byways of Hongkong in the early hours of the morning and I have seen on innumerable occasions that which certain people deny can happen, namely, the dumping in large amounts of nightsoil into gulleys and sewers. Did the Honourable Financial Secretary when he was Chairman of the Urban Council, ever wander the streets of Hongkong at 3.00 a.m. to see for himself the conditions that exist then and are much worse now? Has he ever seen the streams of people carrying buckets of nightsoil up the hillside in the Tai Hang area, or into the Homantin Cemetery, or to the gardens in Kowloon City? This nightsoil is used in a pure state on all vegetable gardens in the Urban area and the vegetables are sold in the local markets. The Honourable Director of Medical Services pointed out in his speech that only a few buckets of nightsoil were dumped into the Conservancy barges on the night of the blackout. What, pray tell, happened to the remainder?

It is a pity that a few people who represent the vested interests are so afraid of a 1% increase on the rates that they are apparently willing to sacrifice a measure which can be made self-supporting and should in no way be a burden on the general revenue.

The general public is well able to read between the lines and cannot but be impressed by the definite statements made by the Colony's Health Advisers regarding the dangers inseparable from the present so-called system.

Is it appreciated that, of the 65,000 dry latrines in the Colony, over 90,000 consist of wooden buckets placed in the kitchen? Even a layman can appreciate the danger in these buckets being cleaned only once or twice a week.

I feel sure that the general public will sympathise with the Urban Council and Health Authorities in their attempts to improve conditions and hope that several of Hongkong's leading citizens will not be called upon in future to face a charge of giving a decision contrary to the vital interests of the public which they have the honour to represent.

"MUCH INTERESTED."

Disclaimer

Sir,—With reference to recent articles in your publication on the Rex v Jacobs case in the criminal court.

I would greatly appreciate it, if you could publish the fact that the soldier witness named Bright has no connection with myself as, owing to the fact that I belong to the same unit as the accused and majority of the witnesses, it could be reasonably assumed that I am the witness in question.

The soldier named Bright who is giving evidence, belongs in fact, to the Middlesex Regiment.

PRE R. E. BRIGHT, R.A.M.C.

H. E. Lieut-General E. F. Norton

At the request of his medical advisers His Excellency the Acting Governor has cancelled all engagements until Wednesday, March 12 inclusive. An announcement regarding his engagements during the rest of the week ending on March 16, will be issued in due course.

It is expected that Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will arrive in the Colony about the middle of March.

THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA

Minor Points Left For Settlement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—Informed circles say that the Board announced that Mr Matsuoaka and Ambassador Arsene Henry met for the third time at Mr Matsuoaka's residential office this evening where they continued the conversations which were held earlier at the French Embassy, "for the purpose of discussing further points of detail for settlement of the Franco-Thai border dispute."

The French Ambassador left the residence of the Foreign Minister at 8.30 p.m. The negotiations are making steady progress.

Only Minor Questions

HANOI, Mar. 6 (UP).—Reliable neutral circles believe the prolongation of the armistice is only for discussing the smaller issues of the negotiations. It is believed that the main questions have already been settled.

Reliable Japanese sources this morning revealed that Vichy has accepted all the Japanese demands and has proposed only minor changes.

Scarcely Veiled Threat

TOKYO, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—If France tries to delay the conclusion of the Tokyo parity by taking a lukewarm attitude on the remaining points, Japan will be obliged to take a strong line abandoning the friendly attitude with which she has respected French prestige in the mediation, states the "Hochi Shimbun."

The "Miyako" says that it will be profitable to both Thailand and France to speed up the talks.

The "Miyako" advises France to co-operate with Japan in establishing the New Order and stabilising the East Asiatic situation.

Hitler Note To Ineunu

Said To Be Promises

ANKARA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Although no definite details about the message Hitler sent to President Ineunu are yet available, it is rumoured here that the message is full of assurances but contains nothing of a concrete nature.

Not a single Turk or well-informed foreigner here believes that the message will in any way alter Turkish policy.

It is significant that the Turkish papers ignore Hitler's message.

Navy's Part In The Epic Of Lofoten

("Reuter" With the Home Fleet)

ABOARD A WARSHIP, Mar. 6.—As we steam away from Lofoten, great pillars of smoke and flame are rising from this part of the fjord leading to Narvik.

One dense black column reaches a height of 6,000 feet while another envelopes the mountains.

The operation took the Germans completely by surprise. For hours the British warships were on "Hitler's door-step" but no attempt was made to interfere with them.

The British force suffered no casualty or loss. A considerable number of Norwegian volunteers for the Navy were brought back.

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The English manager of one factory was rescued and brought back to Britain.

Three petrol storage tanks were also destroyed by this group.

300 Norcs Taken Off

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Norwegian circles in London to-day expressed great satisfaction at their forces' part in the Lofoten raid. It is understood that over 300 Norwegian patriots were brought back to join their fellow countrymen in this country.

Germans & Quislings

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Over 200 German prisoners and Quislings with some Norwegian loyalists from Lofoten arrived at a British port to-night.

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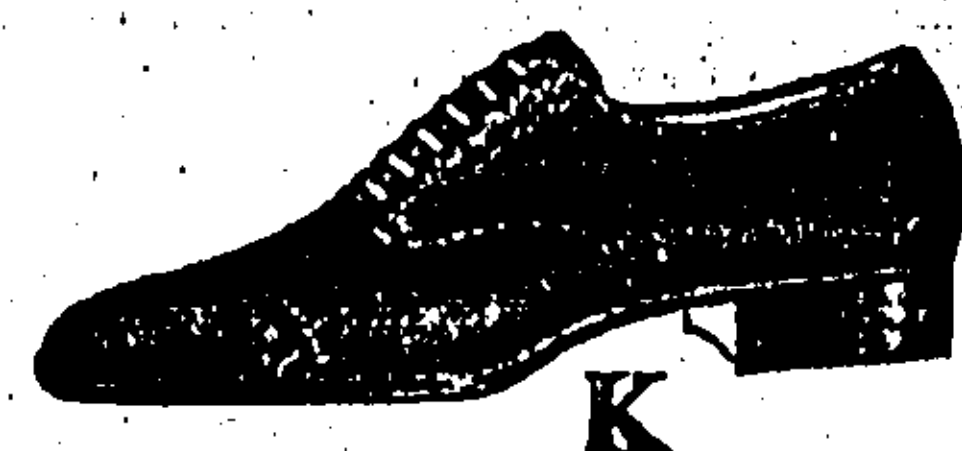
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Glorious Old Indian Regiments To Be Revived By New Commander

NEW DELHI, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The resolution of Lieut-General Claude Auchinleck, G.O.C., India, regarding the recruitment of all classes of men for the Indian armed forces was unanimously passed by the State Council to-day.

The resolution, a substitute for the resolution submitted by an unofficial member, was as follows: "The Council of State, while recognising, to begin with, that the Army can most speedily be expanded only on the existing basis of recruitment, recommends to the Governor-General that the Council and the Army Authorities should now review the sources of manpower throughout the country and should exclude no class or area from their consideration for recruitment for the formation of new units."

After reviewing the situation, General Auchinleck said that for the last 80 years there had been no wars worth the name, civil or otherwise, within the frontiers of India proper.

Before this time, there were three distinct armies in India—the armies of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal. The cessation of armed strife in the country and the removal of war and the threat of war in the north-western approaches to India had resulted to some extent in the rusting of the two southern armies, particularly perhaps the Madras Army.

Lord Kitchener's Work
Large-scale conversion of Madras into Punjab regiments was carried out by Lord Kitchener and he had considerable justification for the action. The soldiers of northern India made the fullest use of the opportunities thus offered and their record of gallantry and devotion to duty was second to none. India owes them a great debt.

Despite, however, the great opportunities for service and training afforded the men of the north, the war of 1914-18 showed very clearly that many older but then less well-known classes had by no means lost their spirit.

In that war expansion, generally speaking, followed the lines of the existing class composition of the army. After the war the Army was drastically reduced. Under these circumstances one can hardly blame them for clinging to these races and classes which had proved themselves as soldiers for a long period of years instead of launching experiments with less well-tried material.

Class Composition
Speaking generally, the class composition of the Indian Army at the beginning of this war did not differ much from that of 1914. It soon became obvious in India as in other parts of the Commonwealth that a speedy and necessary expansion of the armed forces was necessary.

"Here I would like the House to consider how technical and complicated is the process of expanding and raising an army. To form new units, one must have a leaven of trained officers and non-commissioned officers.

System Not Unchangeable
"I do not say that this system is immutable. It has been and is being modified in certain directions already."

"The Indian Military Academy at Dehradun is an outstanding example. I believe that considerable progress in the abolition of class exclusiveness in the rank and file has been made in the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force. These services, however, though important are relatively small forces compared with the Army which, moreover, has its own very strong and ancient traditions."

"To attempt to change these traditions and introduce radical alterations to the system of army organi-

sation in the middle of a war would, I think, be a very hazardous experiment."

"In theory the common system of enlistment irrespective of class and creed undoubtedly has much to recommend it. For the moment, however, we must build on what we know to be firm foundations."

Traditional Lines
"For these reasons the first expansion of the Army followed traditional lines. It consisted largely but by no means altogether in duplication of existing units, but progress is being made in the enlistment of other classes."

"Last week I saw at work the first regular Bengal unit—a battery of heavy artillery. I also saw a Territorial force battalion of the Hyderabad Regiment which had enlisted solely from the province of Bihar, and also a Madras Territorial battalion which, though its existence is only barely six months has shown every sign of becoming a very useful acquisition for the Army."

"It has been revealed that since the war began, the strength of the army of Madras has risen from 4,000 to well over 10,000 and is still increasing. The same process is going on in other classes, but it is a slow process because there are no established units from which a nucleus of Veterans' commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers can be drawn."

"With the present system of class composition, I think it is essential that men of each class should have their own leaders with whose speech and temperament they are familiar."

Old Battle Honours

The first battalion of this regiment, which will be a regular battalion, is to be raised forthwith and will carry on its colours the battle honours of the old Madras Army, some of which go back 200 years. "I hope," he said, "before long to be able to ensure permanent representation of other provinces hitherto not mentioned in the Army List in the same way."

Speakers from all Parties then present in the House expressed satisfaction at General Auchinleck's statement and urged that the policy enunciated in the resolution be carried out as early as possible.

Pandit Kunzru, for whose resolution the Commander-in-Chief was substituted, declared that it was evident that General Auchinleck intended to do something and that he was anxious to carry the Legislature with him and to unite India in the prosecution of the war.

Australian Reaction To Menzies' Speech

MELBOURNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies' speech in London last Monday discounting the inevitability of a conflict between Australia and Japan has caused no dissent in the Commonwealth Cabinet, stated Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Acting Prime Minister.

The information now received by the War Council has checked Labour criticism of the speech.

HOW BURYE WAS CAPTURED

(BY "REUTER" IN ADESSINIA)

March 6.—Thrusting through parched mountainous country, the Abyssinian patriot army, led by British and Australian officers, scored their first major military success with the capture of the well-fortified market town of Burye, which was evacuated on Tuesday.

The fall of Burye follows relentless guerrilla activities. Previous advances had been largely the result of Italian withdrawals but Burye was defended by Italian artillery, wire fortifications and the garrison was estimated at two brigades.

Nearing Capital
The next point of importance along the road to Addis Ababa is Debra Marcos, some 40 miles nearer the capital, but it is believed that this is no more strongly defended than Burye.

The strongest natural defence now existing between the patriot army and Addis Ababa is the beginning of the Blue Nile, a further 30 miles on, and this is a large canyon about a mile deep.

Debra Marcos is situated at a road junction which includes the strategic road from Addis Ababa to Gondar. The cutting of this road would be a serious blow for the Italians.

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11.50 J. M. MacKay, G. A. Kennedy.
12.00 Major Alley, J. G. Jensen.

RAPE TRIAL GOES TO JURY

Soldier and Chinese Girl

The concluding stage was reached this morning when the trial of Pte Frank Kenneth Jacobs, Royal Army Medical Corps, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions.

The Accused is alleged to have raped and indecently assaulted Man Shiu-ying, an 18-year-old spinster, in King's Park on January 16.

Mr. J. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. G. She, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was for the Defence.

The jury comprised Messrs G. T. Harrington (Foreman), Lou In-So, C. Goldin, Ma Yue-man, Lee Gwok-ying, Chan Kam-shing and Tan Pohn-keng.

Accused gave evidence yesterday, when he denied having forced himself on the girl or to have threatened her at any time. He further alleged that certain of the prosecution witnesses had committed perjury, and that Cpl J. C. Dormer had informed him that he (Dormer) had been threatened by the Police unless evidence was given against him.

Before continuing his cross-examination of the Accused to-day, Mr. Murphy applied to his Lordship for permission to make a submission in law in the absence of the Jury.

His Lordship directed the Jury to adjourn.

Mr. Murphy said that the prosecution had denied that she had had intercourse with Pte J. Walton, whom she knew as Ginger. Mr. Murphy said that he felt the Jury might have doubt about the story told by the prosecution. He submitted that an authority raised during the hearing yesterday referred only to the defence calling evidence in contradiction of the denial of the prosecution and was not intended to prevent the calling of evidence by the Crown in corroboration.

A Virtuous Girl
His Lordship replied that he had considered the point and would direct the Jury in due course that there was no evidence whatsoever to show that the prosecution was not a perfectly virtuous girl.

Mr. She agreed that corroborative evidence could be called. Part of the Accused's story was that he knew the girl to be a virgin but it was rumoured that she had gone out with men, sometimes for lips and sometimes for gain. There was evidence that she had spent two nights with Walton in the same room in a hotel.

His Lordship pointed out that the girl had offered an explanation, for what it was worth, regarding the time spent with Walton, and that could not be challenged.

Mr. She argued that the girl's character was not above reproach,

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Clipper Schedule Altered

Pan American Airways announced this morning that the China Clipper departed Honolulu this morning for Hongkong bound and would arrive in the Colony on Tuesday afternoon, March 11.

The Honolulu Clipper is scheduled to depart San Francisco on March 10, arriving in Manila on March 10, where its westbound trip will terminate. The Honolulu Clipper will be turned around at Manila and will not proceed to Hongkong. Mails destined to Hongkong aboard this Clipper will be forwarded by steamer from Manila and an announcement will be made later by the General Post Office as to their arrival date in Hongkong.

Similarly an announcement will be made later as to the Hongkong closing date of mails for the Honolulu Clipper as such mails must be forwarded to Manila via steamer to make connections with this Clipper which is scheduled to depart from Manila on March 18.

All subsequent schedules will proceed to Hongkong with the following arrival dates in Hongkong now scheduled:

California Clipper, March 22;
Philippine Clipper, March 25; China Clipper, April 1 and the Honolulu Clipper, April 8.

10.30 Col Macpherson, Major Meek.
New Course
9.24 A. V. & Mrs. Green.
9.32 Lieut Carter, M. G. Carruthers.
10.12 Miss Wentworth, Mrs. Prophet.

Japanese-Soviet Relations Reviewed Why Japan Now Sues Kremlin For Treaty

—Reds, Hold Whip Hand

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—"The Times" publishing a special article to-day dealing with the Japan-Soviet relations in the Far East, states: "The present phase of Russo-Japanese relations can be traced back to autumn 1931 when Japan achieved the conquest of Manchuria."

Japan had been an object of suspicion to the Soviet regime ever since the prolonged occupation of Russian territory by the Japanese troops during and after the Kolchak episode, East Siberia not being finally evacuated till 1922 and Northern Sakhalin not until 1925, when Japan first officially recognised the Soviet Government.

These suspicions were fully reciprocated at Tokyo where the supposed designs of the Comintern were a favourite bugbear. But there was little contact between the two countries during these years, and official relations, while formally correct, were wholly uneventful.

All this changed when Japan, through the establishment of the puppet state of Manchukuo, acquired a long common frontier with the Soviet and with Moscow's vassal state, Outer Mongolia.

Frontier incidents became the order of the day. In the next year, official cognizance was taken of no fewer than 184 such incidents. Most famous of them was the clash on the Amur river early in the summer of 1937—it was a prelude to Japan's undeclared war on China, which opened in July 1937.

Soviet Russia got the worst of the incident militarily, and failed to react diplomatically, and this revelation of weakness, popularly attributed to the recent purges in the Party and Army, was taken by Japan as an all-clear sign to embark on the great Chinese adventure.

Russia Was Sutor

In the Russo-Japanese negotiations throughout this period, Soviet Russia was a sutor for a non-aggression pact which was more than once proposed by her and rejected by Japan.

"The high-handed seizure by Japan of the Russian-owned Chinese Eastern Railway was safely liquidated by the sale of the railway to Japan, or nominally to the state of Manchukuo."

Apart from recurrent frontier clashes another principal apple of discord was the fishery rights in Russian waters which had originally been conceded to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth, 1905. These were the subject of perpetual friction and of claims persistently asserted by Tokyo and no less persistently contested by Moscow and of temporary agreements which refused to last.

One of the many attempts to reach a settlement was rejected by Russia when Japan signed the anti-Comintern pact in 1936.

Soviet Russia had, however, not been idle in these years. The Amur frontier was fortified, the track of the trans-Siberia railway was doubled, the army in the Far East reinforced, and a powerful air base built up—some of it on Arctic islands.

Scales Tipped

"Since 1937 Japan's preoccupation with the China campaign and the partial military recovery of the Soviet have gradually tipped the balance in favour of the Soviet Government."

"Soviet help to China has been intermittent but substantial, and Japan has never been able to secure its cessation."

The intensive of all outbursts of frontier warfare between Japan and Soviet Russia during the past 10 years occurred in the summer of 1939 in the region of Nomonhan on the frontier of Outer Mongolia, and ended in a fairly decisive victory for the Soviet troops.

Japan admitted no fewer than 18,000 casualties in two months' miniature warfare.

A truce was patched up in September 1939 after the conclusion of Stalin's pact with Ribbentrop, and the outbreak of war in Europe, and since that time Germany has not relaxed her efforts to bring about an entente between the two countries whose friendship and support she simultaneously covets; but the position between Japan and the Soviet is no longer that of the 'thirties."

Possible Pact

Japan is now the sutor for a non-aggression pact and has agreed to a 'reconsideration' of the fisheries question; she might even be prepared to come to terms which did not include the abandonment by Russia of aid to China.

Meanwhile the Kremlin holds its hand and says nothing, and no doubt awaits with curiosity the much canvassed treaty with Japan when it will not miss an opportunity of making its power felt.

The fundamental rivalry between the two powers in the Far East will, however, remain. Each side has weaknesses and strong points. Siberia is scantily populated, especially in the east, but its enormous size makes it difficult to occupy effectively.

Japan has the advantage in mobile and concentrated forces, but the shortage of war materials leaves her at the mercy of a boycott by the outside world, and her great cities are open to air attack.

Russia is probably incapable of waging war on two fronts. But although her pact with Hitler is in itself a worthless insurance, her usefulness to Germany as a source of supply probably is a real safeguard

CHIANG SPEAKS HOPEFULLY

Foreign Relations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (UP).—Chiang Kai-shek, speaking to the People's Political Council last night, declared: "My fundamental belief is that the Soviet, Britain and America will never obstruct Chinese resistance. Some people have been hoping that Russia or America would aid China by actually going to war, but I have never counted on that because the Chinese have strength alone for the final victory."

"We do not necessarily need friendly Powers actually to join in the war, but we do need them to maintain strict neutrality. My strong belief is that these Powers will never reach a genuine compromise with Japan; so we have nothing to worry about in our foreign relations."

"China's legal tender has a 60 per cent cash reserve, despite the four years of war. I assure you the enemy will never blockade China despite his efforts to seize ports and cut roads."

Thai-French Agreement

TOKYO, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The stage is set for the signing of the accord, solving the five-month old Franco-Thai border dispute, following complete French agreement with the Japanese compromise proposal obtained as a result of a series of three hurried eleven-hour conferences between Mr. Matsucoka and M. Arsene Henry on Thursday, it is officially stated.

It is understood that the Franco-Thai armistice will not be "officially" extended. However, Japan is said to have received Franco-Thai assurances that their troops will not engage in further aggressive action.

A Government spokesman revealed at a Press conference that the new borderline between Thai and Indo-China will be demarcated by a Commission, though it is not yet decided in what capacity Japan will join the Commission.

The spokesman answered yes, when asked if it was possible that the causes of the Franco-Thai differences would be eliminated, and hinted that the closing session of the Conference when the agreement would be signed would be made a public affair at which Press representatives would be admitted.

"Y" Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey at King's Park to-morrow:
1st XI v. Nomads (4.15 p.m.)—Clegett, Taylor, Croft, Combe, Waldron, Spence, Smith, Hitchcock, Morgan, Dunne.
2nd XI v. R.A.M.C. (3 p.m.)—Clegett, Hamilton, Tomlinson, Smuts, Gorman, Banks, Macey, Olsen, Dorrner, Uro, Maney.

Hearings Against Harry Bridges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Attorney General, Mr. Robert Jackson, to-day named Judge Charles B. Sears, recently retired from the New York United States Court of Appeals, to preside over the deportation hearings of Harry Bridges in San Francisco which are starting March 31.

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WAR MINISTER'S REPORT

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diverted to Britain and the trans-
formation effected in one month was
perhaps unequalled in history.

The breathing space that we have
had since Dunkirk has been turned
to good effect. Most of the major
formations are now comparatively
well equipped and are able to form
new divisions.

We have also been able to supply
material aid to the Allies.

Gallant Greeks
In a warm tribute to the gallant
Greek operations, which "again
proved that fortune favours the
brave," Captain Murgesson said that
the Greeks, by their triumphant ad-
vance over difficult country in the
depths of winter, had shown their
neighbours that the small country
possessed dauntless courage.

The Free French forces have al-
ready given gallant service in Libya,
Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and
elsewhere, and the Poles are only
waiting for a chance to get at the
enemy once again.

The position as regards equipment
has greatly improved since last sum-
mer and gives some cause for con-
fidence. Gaps still existing in some
classes of equipment are closing
weekly and with the aid of British
and Dominion and Indian production
and the growing American output,
the time is not distant when we shall
have an army fully equipped and
fully trained.

Not Sitting Tight
We are not sitting tight inside our
defences but are endeavouring daily
to improve our system of static and
mobile defence.

In the meantime the Home Guard
is doing a fine job, notwithstanding
some temporary shortage of equip-
ment. As proof of the excellence of
British material, Captain Murgesson
recalled the long-range desert patrols
organised by General Wavell soon
after Italy entered the war, exploring
the Libyan desert.

Italians Lose 150,000 Men In Albania

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German forces were contacted several
days ago.

Grandi Called To Colours
ROME, Mar. 6 (Domei).—Count
Dino Grandi, Minister of Justice, has
been called to the colours, it was
learned when the Official Gazette an-
nounced that during the absence of
Count Grandi in the Army service
his duties will be assumed by Premier
Mussolini.

Greeks Keep Initiative
ATHENS, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—"The
initiative remains exclusively with
the Greek forces and the morale of
the army is excellent," says a Greek
Press Ministry bulletin broadcast to-
night.

The bulletin records successful
patrol activity and a further ad-
vance on the Albanian front yester-
day.

Artillery action was effective
against fortified Italian positions.
In the central area, a local en-
counter resulted in the capture of
strong Italian positions.

RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN

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dres, who, after attending the Leipzig
Fair, made a speech over the German
radio last night. He said, "There
are few examples in history such as
the swift and happy development
in relations between two countries
as is the case between Germany and
Yugo-Slavia. It can be regarded
with calm confidence that there will
be further development in the Ger-
man-Yugo-Slavian relations."

The third basis for optimism is the
fact that Mr Eden has returned to
Cairo without visiting Belgrade.

The Deutsche Allgemeine typically
says, "This carries a symbolic sig-
nificance. When Mr Eden renounces
his last attempt to exercise influence
at Belgrade, he must be led by the
realisation that the States in south-
eastern Europe are seeking to be
guaranteed in their independence and
peace with those Powers who are
driving England's war from the con-
tinent with visible success."

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